200 YEARS OF FREEDOM

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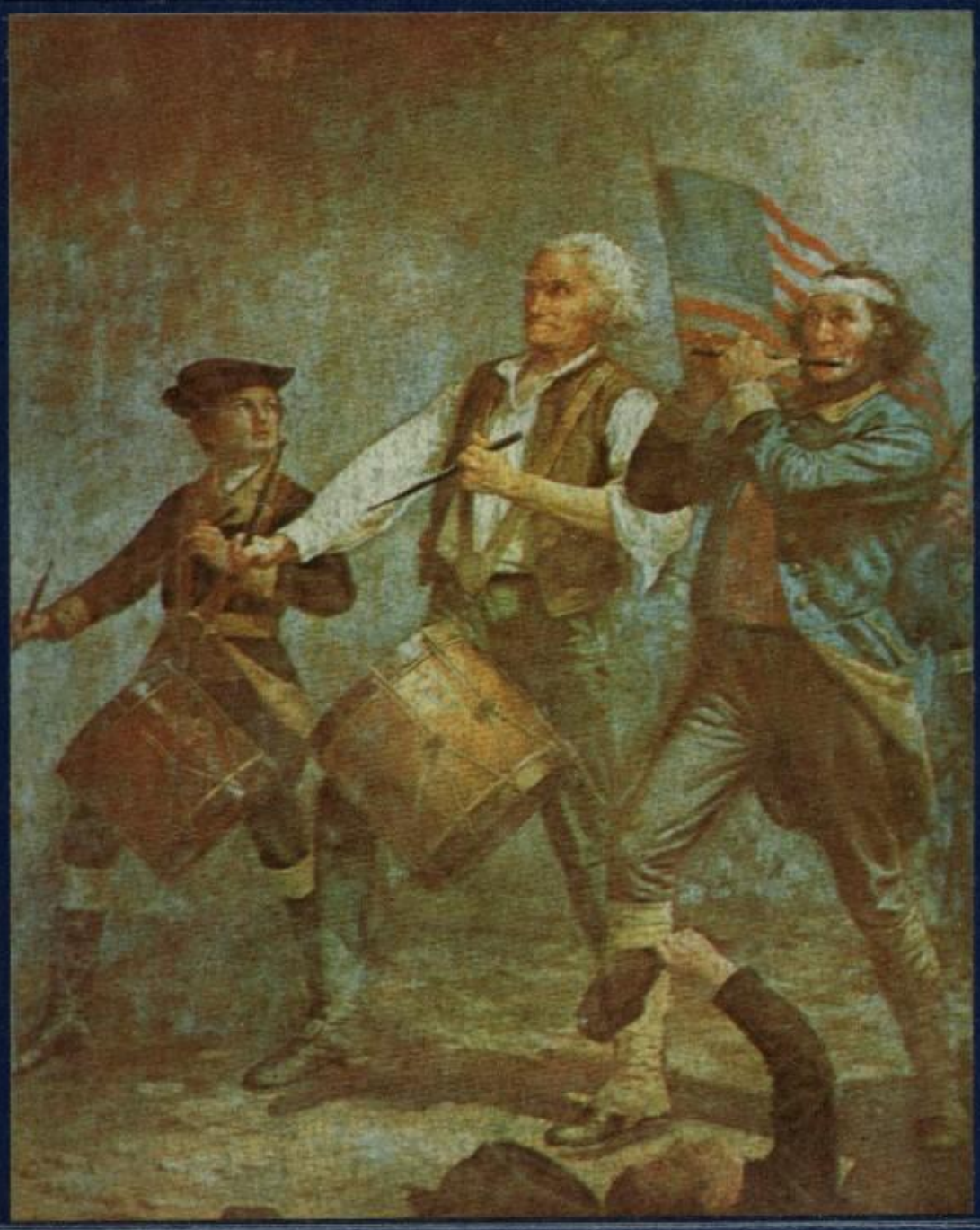

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THE FIRST 200 YEARS

A knowledge of American history is an invitation to experience the accomplishment, drama, tragedy and hope of an infant nation struggling to grow up. Sturdy, determined pioneers hacked away at the edges of a raw continent and, with blunders and achievements alike, modeled a country with a spirited nature and a united commitment to individual liberty for every one of its citizens. Americans, great and not so great, have given us a heritage to carry on and improve upon. Farmers and soldiers, industrialists and merchants, dreamers and leaders, are all there in two centuries of progress.

But the maturing isn't finished. You'll find the boundaries of growth as endless today as when our forefathers first envisioned them. You can seek out your own destiny with the wisdom and judgement which comes with re-creation of the past. Your knowledge, dreams and industry will carry on through many more centuries of living history.

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. — We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. —

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. —

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. —

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. —

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. —

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. —

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. —

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. —

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. —

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. —

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance. —

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures. —

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power. —

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: —

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: —

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: —

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: —

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: —

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury: —

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences —

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: —

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: —

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. —

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. —

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. —

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. —

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. —

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends. —

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

John Hancock

Button Gwinnett
Lyman Hall
Geo Walton

Wm Hooper
Joseph Hewes
John Penn

Edward Rutledge
Thos Heyward Junr
Thomas Lynch Junr
Arthur Middleton

Samuel Chase
Wm Paca
Thos Stone
Charles Carroll of Carrollton

George Wythe
Richard Henry Lee
Th Jefferson
Benj Harrison
Thos Nelson jr
Francis Lightfoot Lee
Carter Braxton

Robt Morris
Benjamin Rush
Benj Franklin
John Morton
Geo Clymer
Jas Smith
Geo Taylor
James Wilson
Geo Ross

Caesar Rodney
Geo Read
Tho M:Kean

Wm Floyd
Phil Livingston
Frans Lewis
Lewis Morris

Richd Stockton
Jno Witherspoon
Fras Hopkinson
John Hart
Abra Clark

Josiah Bartlett
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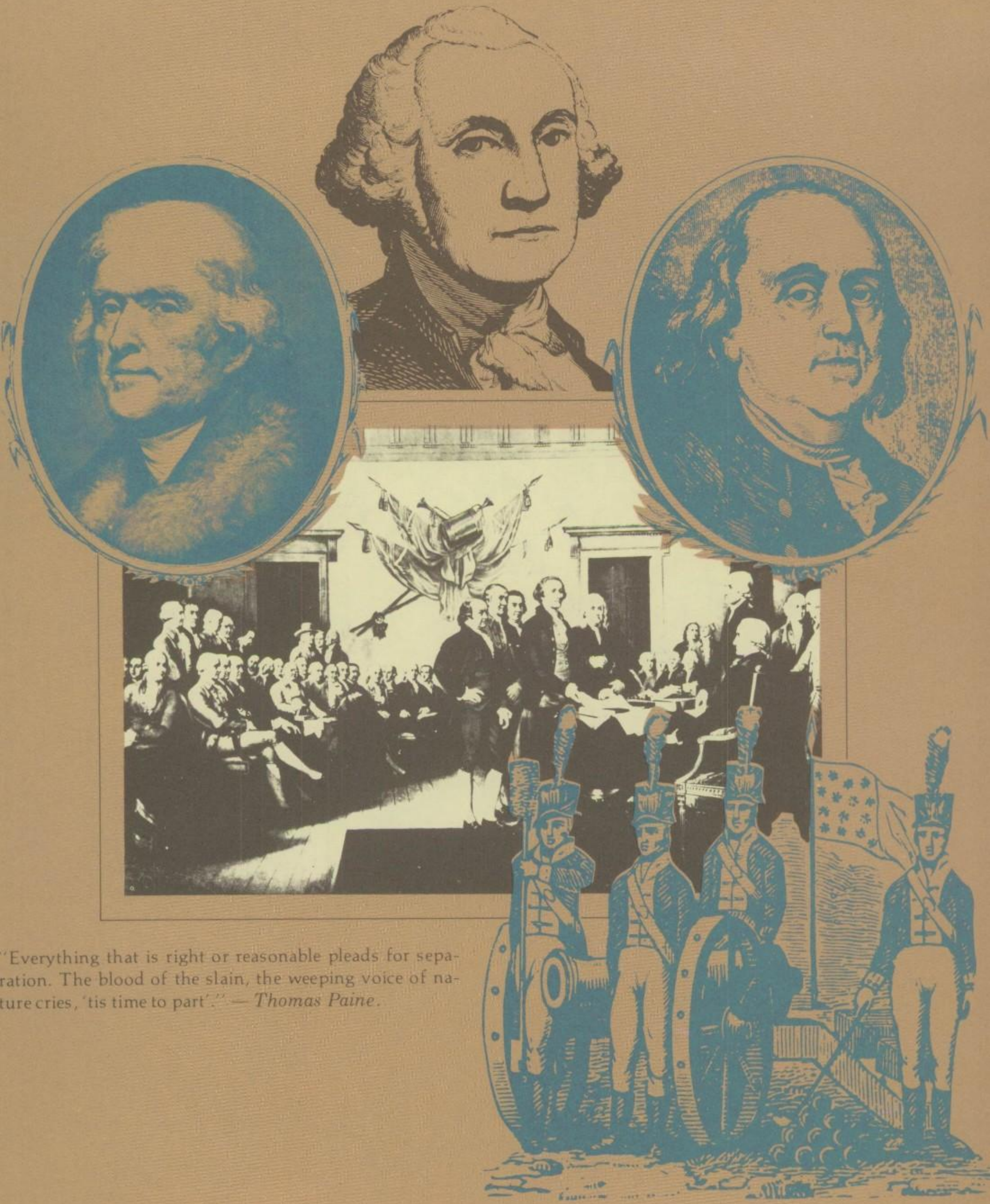

"Everything that is right or reasonable pleads for separation. The blood of the slain, the weeping voice of nature cries, 'tis time to part'." — *Thomas Paine.*

CHAPTERS OF AMERICAN HISTORY

The Stamp Act of 1765 was an attempt by England to tax items that were wholly American. The colonists reacted in seething resentment which erupted into angry protestations. The first blood of the American Revolution was spilled during one such incident at Boston in 1770. Several Americans lost their lives over a snowball thrown at a British sentry.

In the fight to achieve commerce equality, the United States found itself in a naval war over shipping lanes. Fort McHenry was heriocally held during a British naval bombardment, and the stars and stripes still flew after a night of hard fighting. The next morning Francis Scott Key penned the immortal words of what would become the national anthem.

Settlers had to have permanent access to the new lands, so canals and bridges were built to carry stages and wagon trains loaded with machinery destined for settlements in the West. The pioneers foresaw great wealth in the cheap acreage that was available.

Frontiersmen cleared the wilderness, built settlements and drove back the Indians. The Pony Express and the telegraph became primary means of communication.

Agriculture was the wealth of the country. American inventions of the time were often related to working the soil. The McCormick Reaper, mowing machines, textile looms and the cotton gin were instrumental in the setting of new frontiers.

In 1848, James Marshall found gold in the race of a sawmill he was building for John Sutter at Coloma, California. The lust to "get rich quick" was the force behind this biggest and gaudiest gold rush ever.

While "gold rush fever" gripped the country, states were increasingly more divided on the slavery issue. Civil war broke out in the East. This "Brothers War" was bitterly fought and, though the scars remain even today, slavery was abolished.

Cities grew at an alarming pace; often without regard to the limits of safety. The great Chicago fire of 1871 burned the bustling cattle market empire beyond recognition. But the pioneer spirit was not broken. Chicagoans began rebuilding and preparations were underway to celebrate the 100th birthday of the country.

The "Iron Horse," carrying homesteaders, greatly helped settlement of the new country. The first transcontinental railroad connected the country at Promontory Summit, Utah, on May 10, 1869.

Transportation was setting the pattern for the American way of life. The country became a mobile society with electric trolleys, automobiles, farm machinery, and bicycles, all the rage. Along with the accessibility of travel came a new era of nationalism.

A World War called upon the nation's young men to unite and fight. After the war in Europe, the nation pulled itself together and industry flourished once again. A carefree America buried war memories in the new moving pictures, telephones, light bulbs, electric generators, stock market ticker tape machines, phonographs and a wealth of inventions from the fertile minds of its young inventors. Baseball became the national sport and prohibition was law.

Black Thursday, October 24, 1929, saw the American stock market crash to the lowest level in history. Panic set in as the unemployment level skyrocketed. The country was in its worst economic crisis. Slowly, but surely, the wounds of the "crash," the "dust bowl," and poverty healed.

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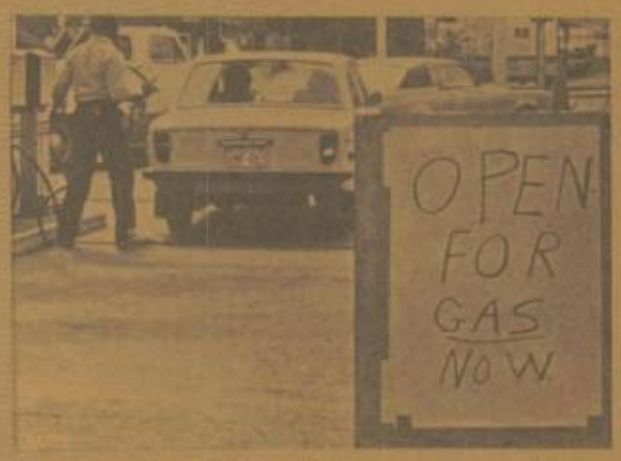
The steel industry geared up for the revival while rumors were whispered in the Roosevelt administration of another impending war. The nation's leaders scoffed, until December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor!

Industrial production reached a peak during the war years. Upon their return from four years of battle, the veterans forged ahead with an eye on a "better life for everyone." Several moderate recessions in the 50's and 60's reminded cautious citizens of past decades.

Huge strides were being taken in the scientific field. Television became a part of every family's life. National events were household topics — while they happened — thanks to the new medium. Individuals and groups were seen "on the tube" as they advocated new social reform, or justice, or special causes of their own. TV gave individuals and political systems power greater than ever before. Audio-visual journalism had made its impact.

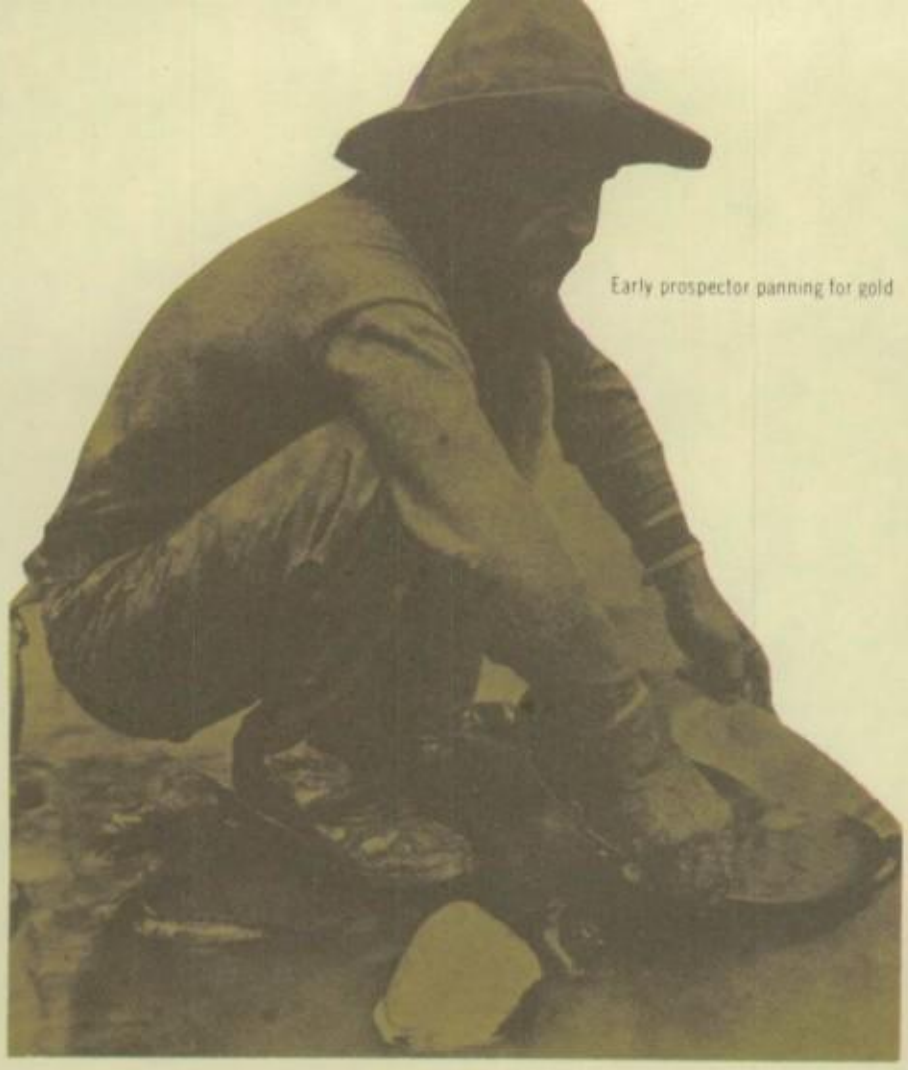
Nearly 100 years of strggling for civil liberties were realized when President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law. The Act outlawed segregation in any form.



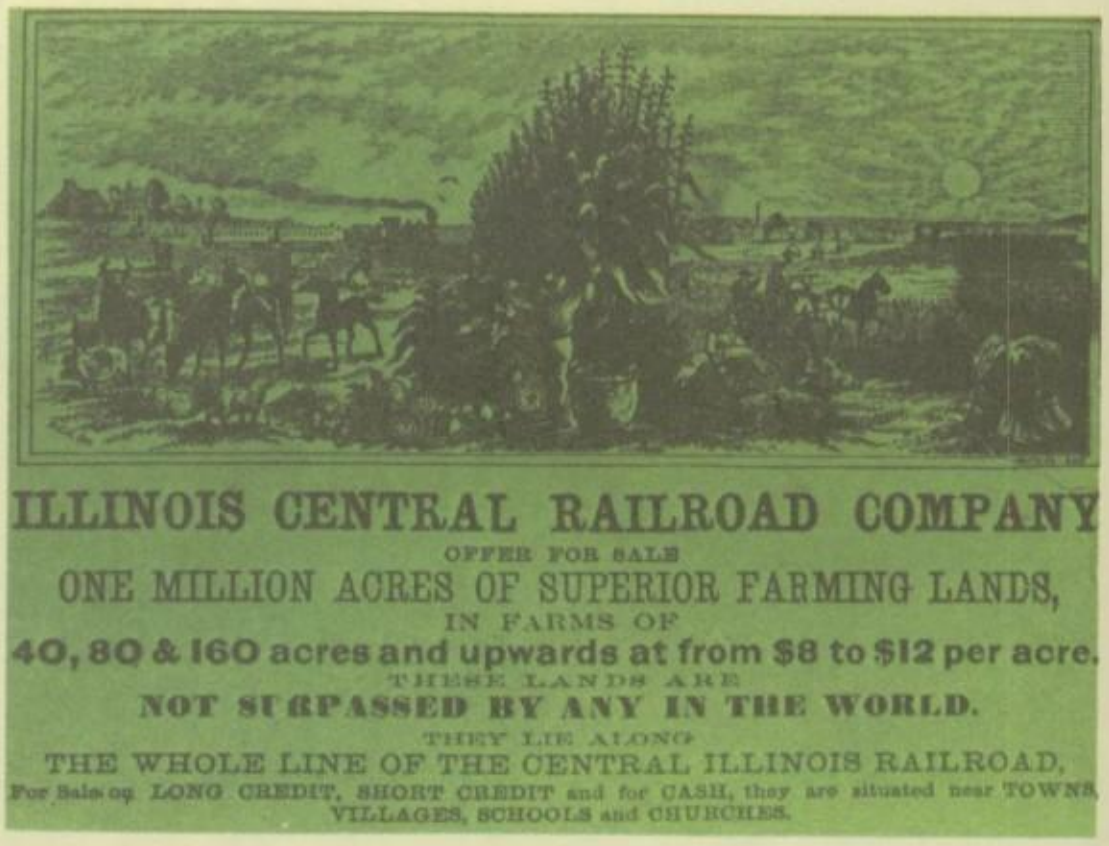
The seventies shed light on a new trouble for the nation as it approached its 200th birthday. The world's energy sources and natural resources were being used up faster than they could be replenished. Americans once again waded into a new frontier. The "energy crisis" and "ecology" were prominent words in the language. Ways to save nature from the neglect of mankind and ways of preserving precious fuel without damaging that balance of nature were the objectives of Americans across the country.

Earth's crises spurred Americans into further pioneering. This time outer space. American astronauts were the first on the surface of the moon and the U.S. was first to build a "skylab" for more scientific study.

American is still learning and growing after a mere 200-year infancy. The original determination of our forefathers was told again in the words of Neil Armstrong as he made the first step on the moon "a small step for man, but a giant step for mankind."



Early prospector panning for gold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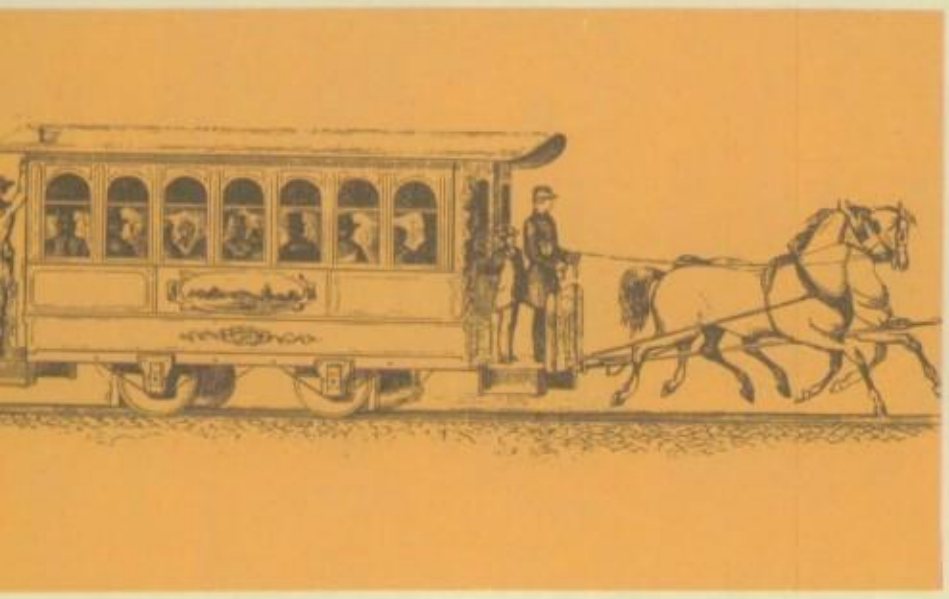
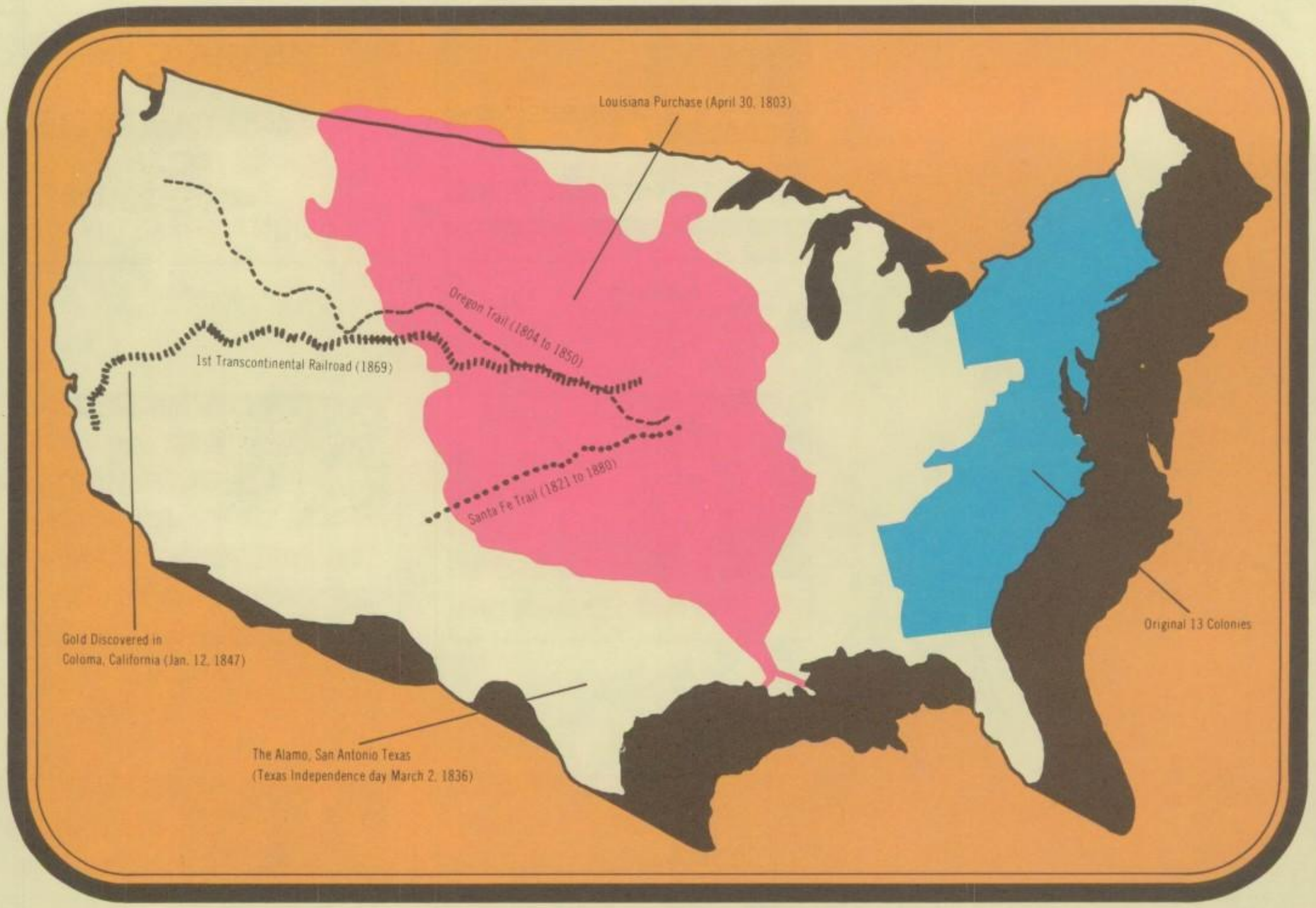
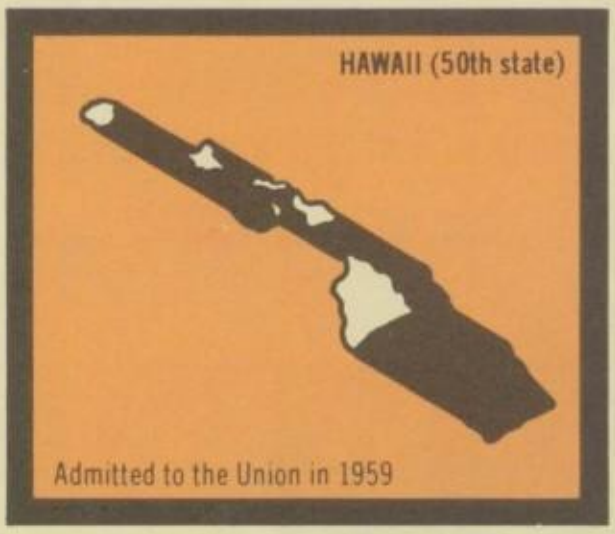
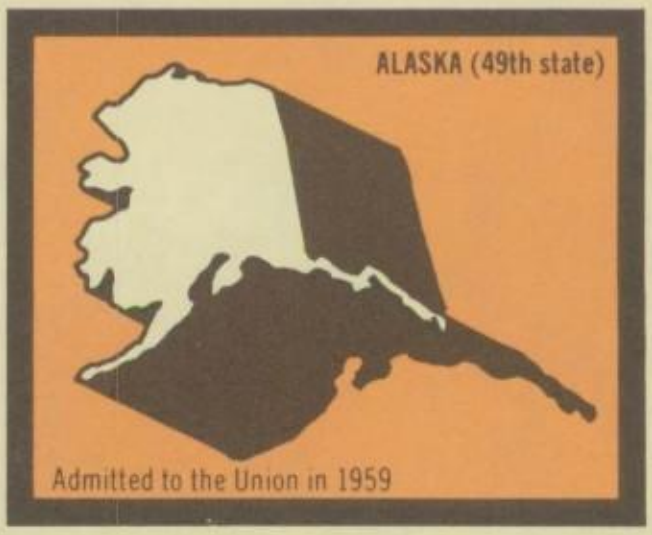


◁ Daniel Boone leads pioneers through the Cumberland Gap in this painting by George Bingham


Louisiana Purchase (April 30, 1803)
Oregon Trail (1804 to 1850)
1st Transcontinental Railroad (1869)
Santa Fe Trail (1821 to 1880)
Gold Discovered in
Coloma, California (Jan. 12, 1847)
The Alamo, San Antonio Texas
(Texas Independence day March 2, 1836)
Original 13 Colonies

THE CHANGING NATION





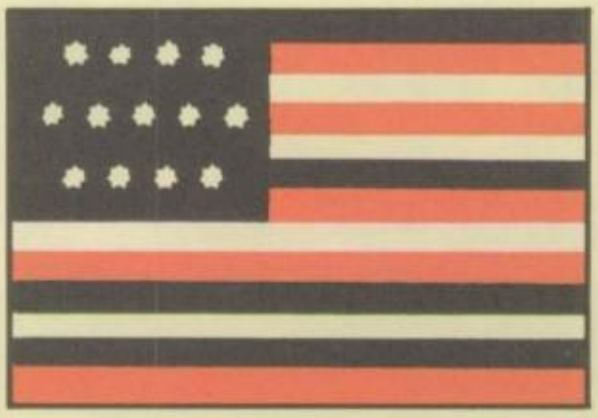
Ownership of land had been just a dream to most of the colonists from feudal England. With the great expanse of cheap land opening up in the West, the dream became reality.

The Louisiana Purchase of 1803 opened the first sizable frontier in the Midwest, but the nation was not ready for it yet. It took a growing market in the East, where land was getting high-priced and scarce, and development of good transportation, to really start the frontier movement.

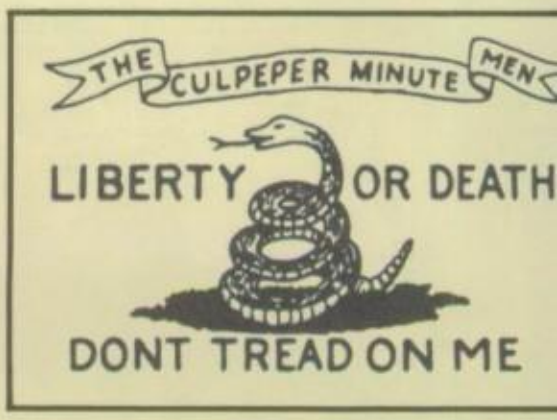
The Gold Rush caused hordes of settlers to take various routes to the Pacific Coast and its yellow riches. The railroads brought farmers and ranchers, along with the miners, who decided to stop all along the routes and build their homes. Railroads were instrumental in the quick civilization of the West, bringing people in numbers so large that the resentful Indians were finally pushed back into unwanted and infertile areas.

America became a haven for immigrants from every nation as freedom beckoned them to the teeming cities of the East, the plains, and the rich west coast farmlands.

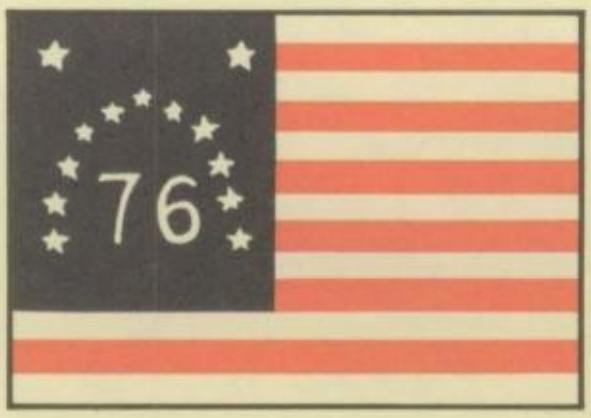
Sick of the Civil War and with their own lands divided up and lost, many Southerners set out to "begin again" in the virgin territories. "Westering" soon became the national tradition as North and South moved together toward a new life. Americanism was advanced socially, by the hard-working, bare-fisted types who settled the frontiers.



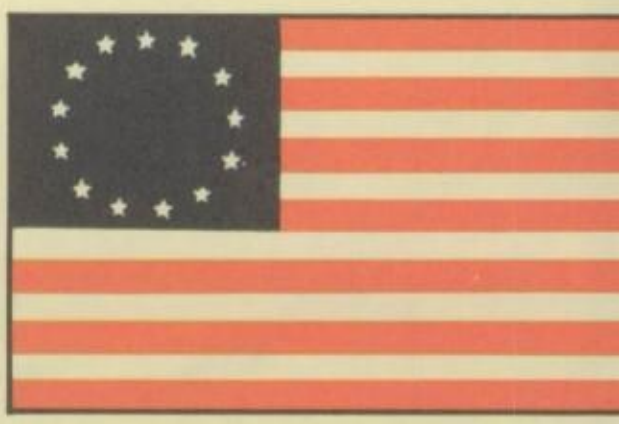
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FLAG
ALSO CALLED "SERAPIS" FLAG. GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS ORIGINATED BY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AT COURT OF LOUIS XVI.



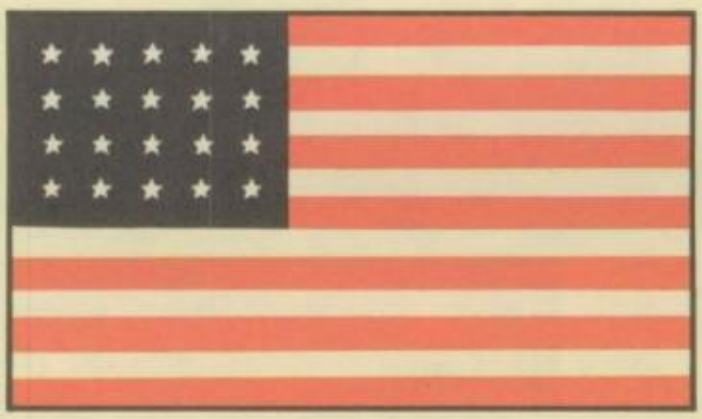
CULPEPER FLAG — 1775
ONE OF THE EARLY RATTLESNAKE FLAGS CARRIED BY THE MINUT



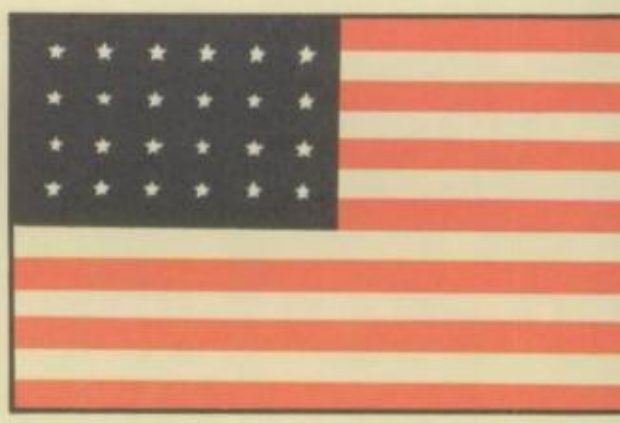
BENNINGTON FLAG — 1777
FLAG OF VICTORY OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS.



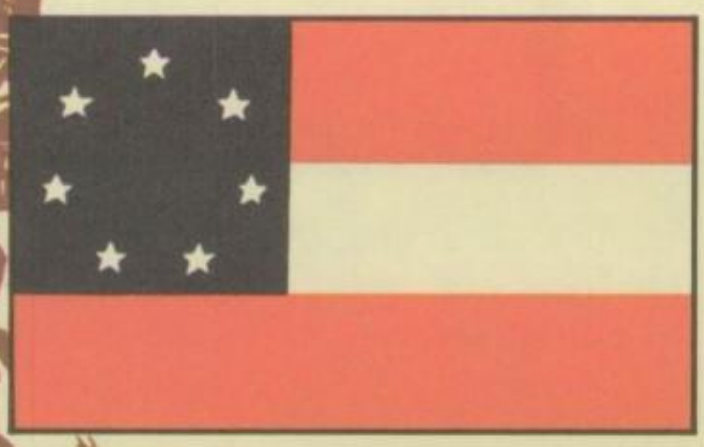
FIRST STARS AND STRIPES
UNITED EMBLEM OF INDEPENDENCE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ORIGINA
GEORGE WASHINGTON FOLLOWING ACT OF CONGRESS OF JUNE 14



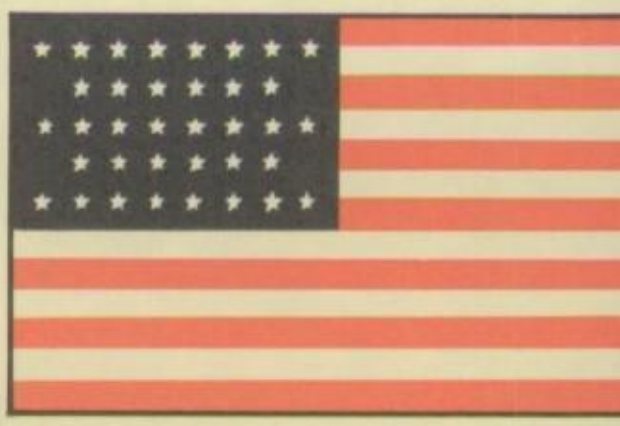
THE FLAG OF 1818
SHOWING RETURN TO THIRTEEN STRIPES AND ADDITIONAL STARS IN CANTON.



"OLD GLORY"
NAME GIVEN BY CAPTAIN WILLIAM DRIVER, COMMANDING THE "CHARLES DAGGETT" IN 1831.



FIRST CONFEDERATE FLAG
"STARS AND BARS" USED FROM MARCH 1861 TO MAY 1863.

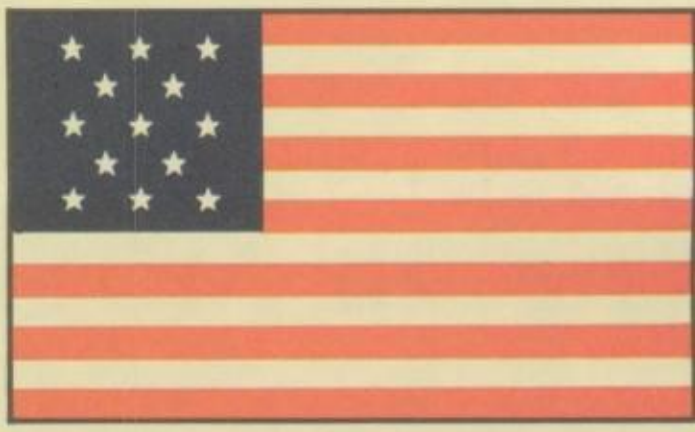


FLAG OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865
THE "STARS AND STRIPES" WITH THIRTY SIX STARS IN THE UN
CARRIED BY THE NORTHERN ARMIES DURING LATER YEARS OF TH
WAR.

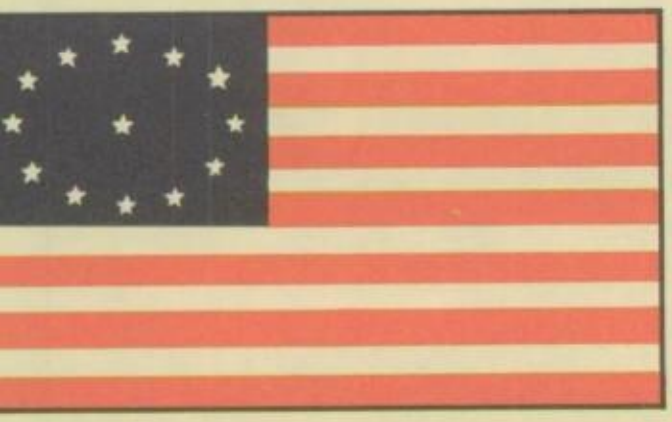
American Banner

CONTINENTAL FLAG
CARRIED IN 1775-1777. SHWOING PINE TREE, SYMBOL OF ASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY, IN PLACE OF THE CROSSES OF ST. GEORGE AND ST. ANDREW.

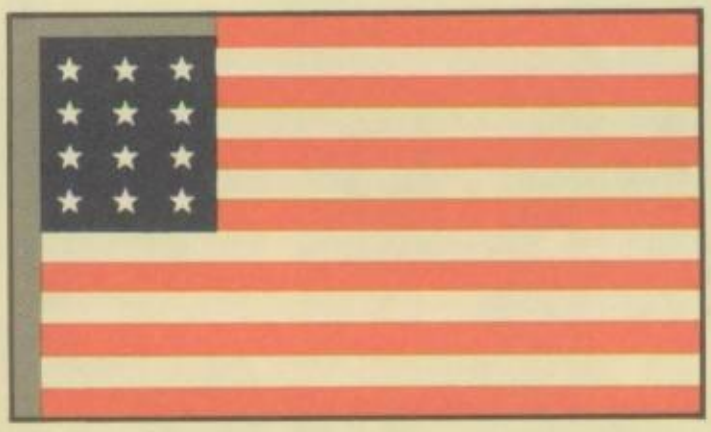
LIBERTY TREE FLAG — 1776
THE PINETREE COMES FROM COINS OF THE COLONY OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1652.



FIRST NAVY STARS AND STRIPES
IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENT OF STARS BY CONGRESS, JUNE 14, 1777. IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR NAVY TO PLACE THE STARS IN FORM OF CROSSES OF ST. GEORGE AND ST. ANDREW.



FLAG OF THE THIRD MARYLAND — 1778
CARRIED AT THE BATTLE OF COWPENS JANUARY, 1778 AND USED AS COLORS OF AMERICAN LAND FORCES UNTIL MEXICAN WAR.



JOHN PAUL JONES "STARRY FLAG"
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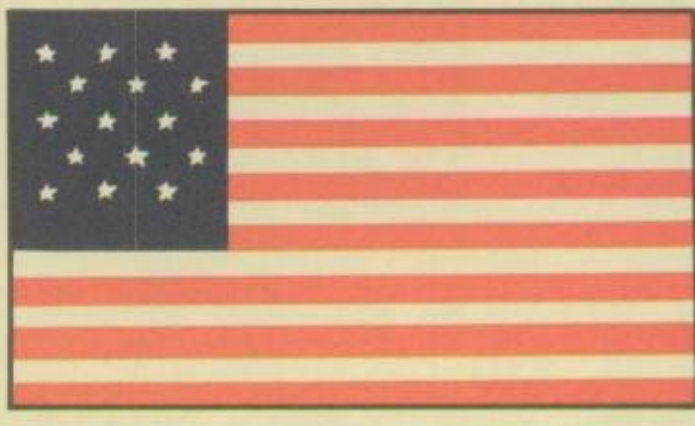
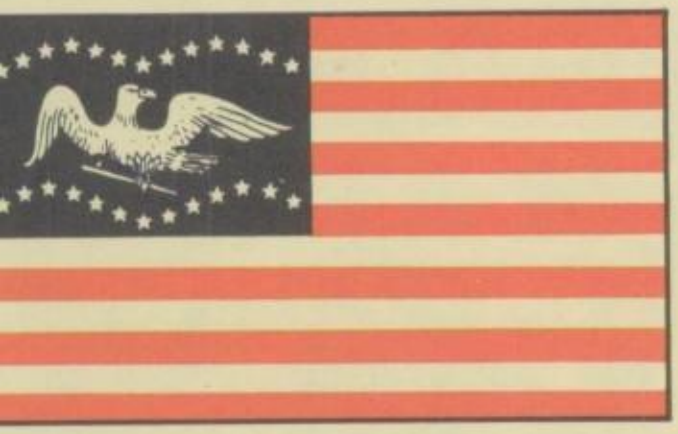
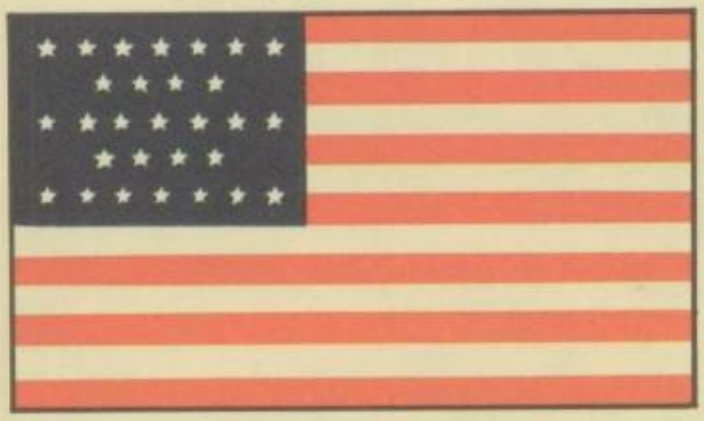


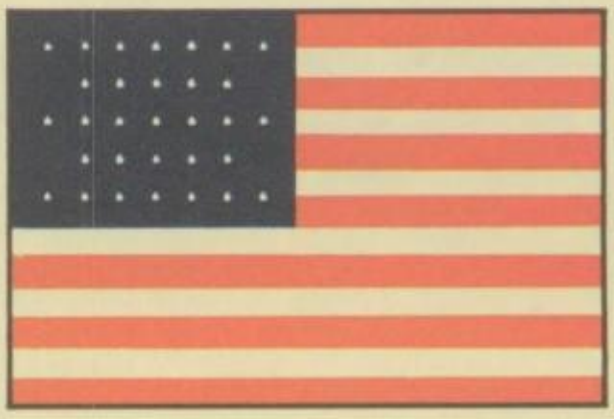
FLAG OF THE WAR OF 1812 (1812-1814)
SHOWING FIFTEEN STARS AND FIFTEEN BARS AS CHANGED UPON ADMISSION OF VERMONT.



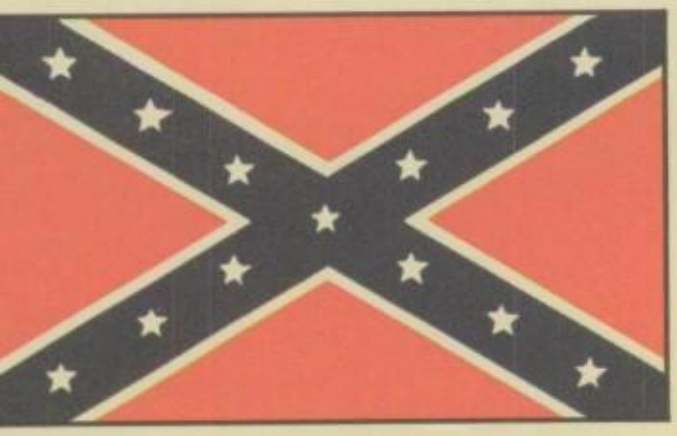
FREMONT, THE PATHFINDER'S FLAG — 40's
EMBLEM THAT BLAZED THE TRAIL FOR THE COVERED WAGON IN THE ROARING 40'S. THE EARLY ENSIGN OF THE PLAINS.



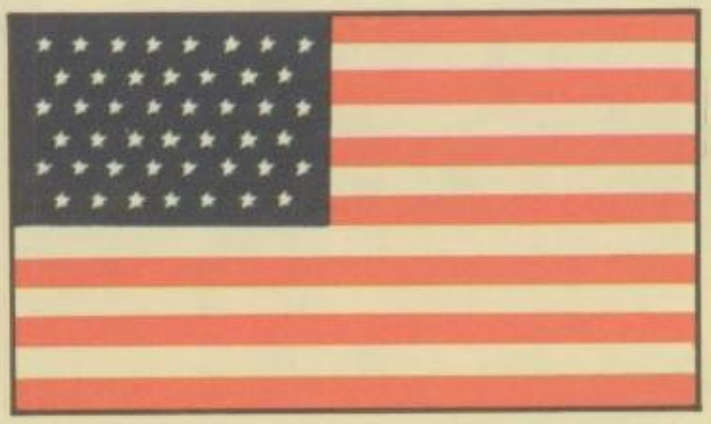
FLAG OF THE MEXICAN WAR — 1845
NOT ACTUALLY USED AS REGIMENTAL COLORS BY TROOPS BUT AS FLAG OF CONQUEST AND OCCUPATION.



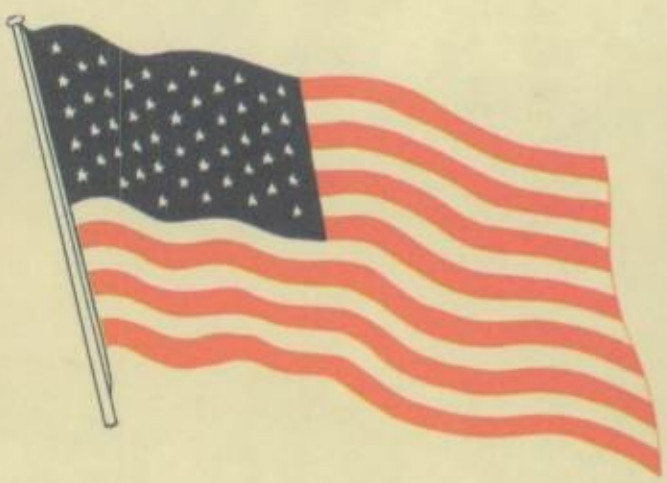
COMMODORE PERRY'S FLAG — 1854
THE FLAG THAT OPENED JAPAN TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION.



CONFEDERATE BATTLE AND NAVY FLAG
USED FROM MAY 1, 1863 TO END OF WAR, 1865. THE BATTLE FLAG WAS SQUARE.



FLAG OF THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR — 1898
THE EMBLEM OF LIBERTY THAT BROUGHT FREEDOM TO CUBA.



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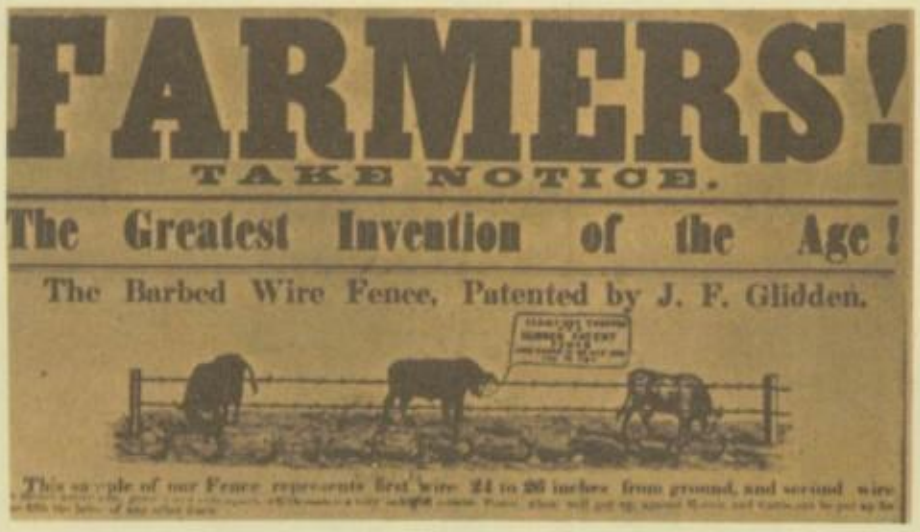
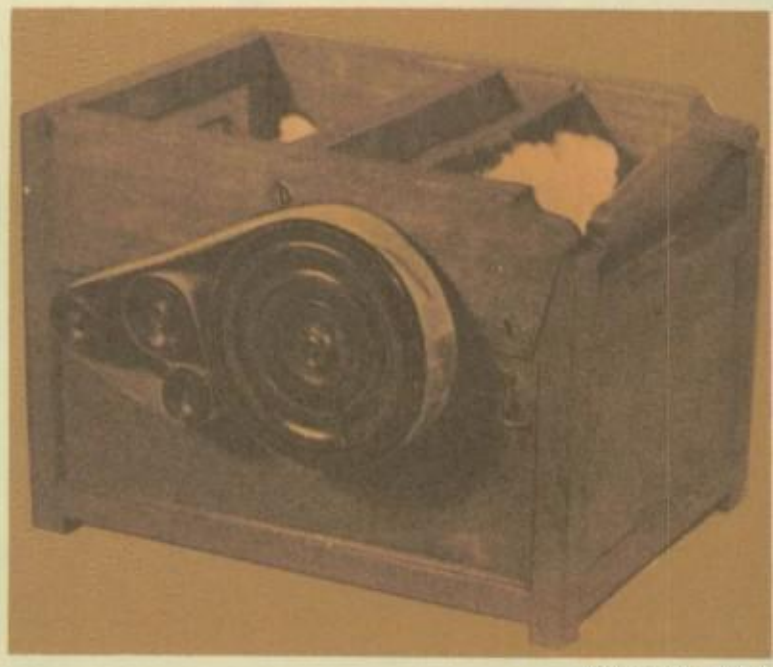
NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF . . .





COTTON GIN (Model)

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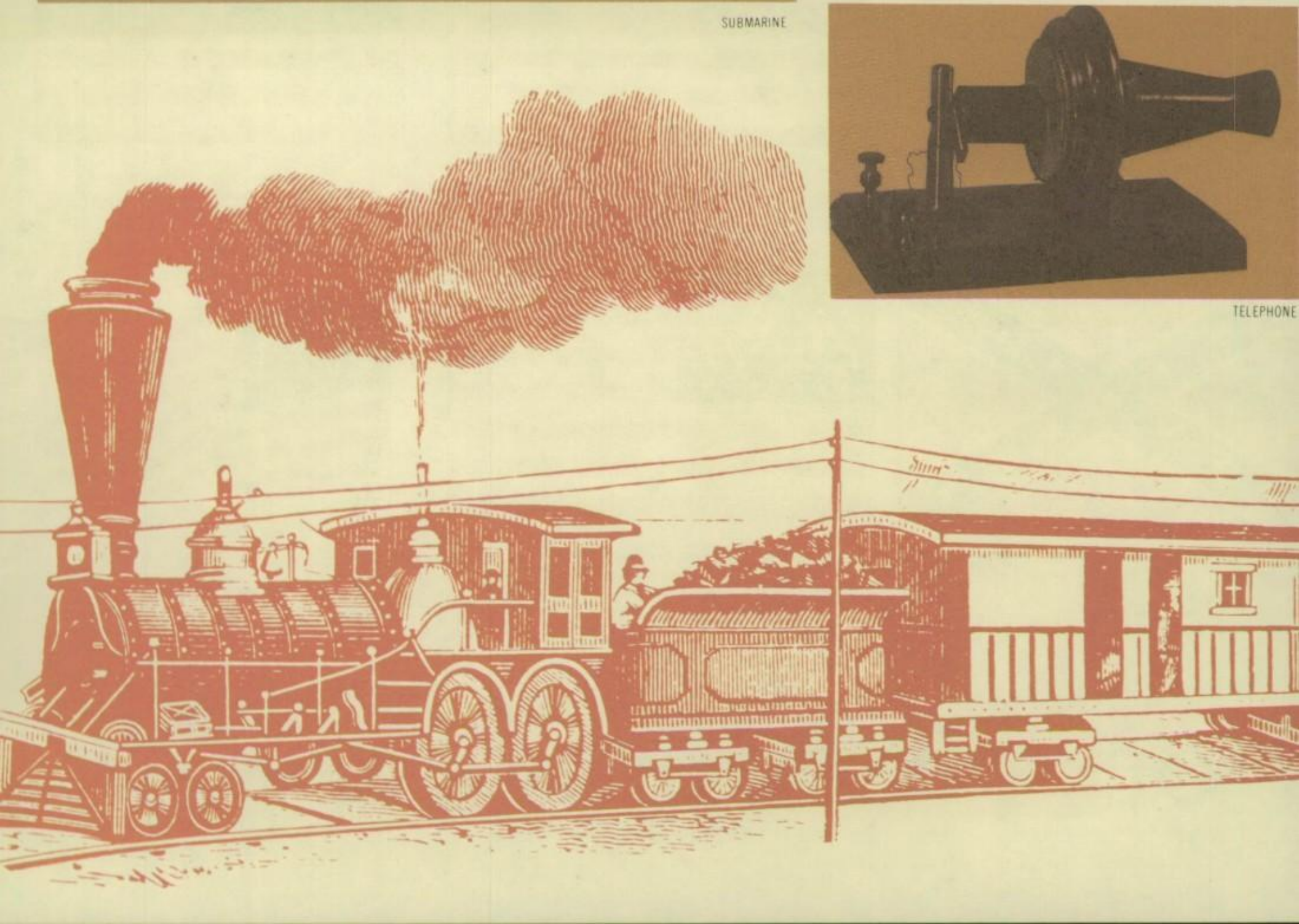

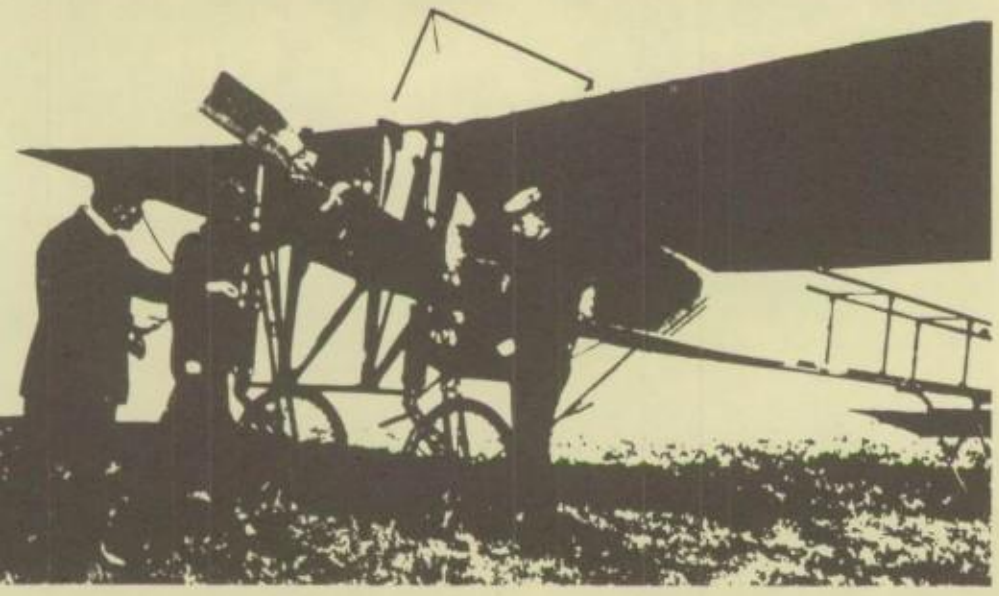

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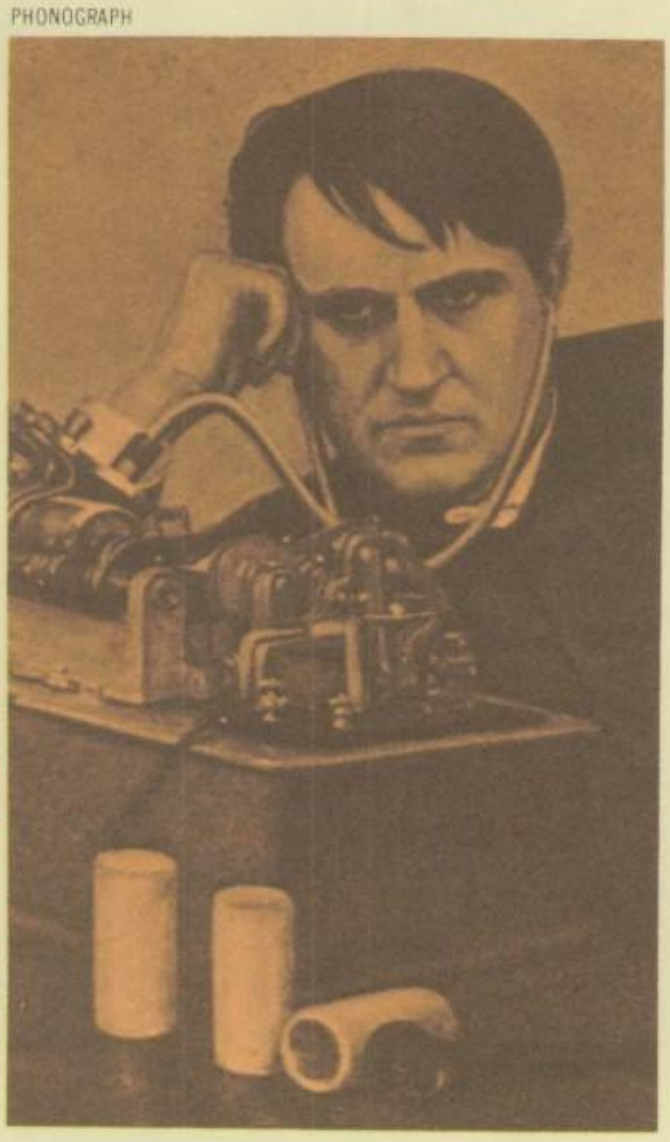


Without realizing it, England instilled in the colonists the individual purpose and ingenuity that necessity breeds. With trade goods cut to a minimum, determined young leaders of the time set out to find ways of surviving without support from the Mother Country.

Agricultural methods and machines and labor saving devices were designed by our forefathers. As frontiers opened, Yankee genius had to conquer natural barriers in the wild new country, so suspension bridges were invented and methods of transportation were perfected for the purpose of opening the untamed areas. Later, they sought to section off the land with the revolutionary and controversial invention — barbed wire.

Cooper's 1-horsepower **Tom Thumb** train in 1830 and later, automobiles like the first Model T, and the 4-horsepower airplane ; became American modes of travel from city to city and coast to coast.

Americans knew that the fertile lands of this nation would produce unequalled harvests if machines were designed to take over for man. They knew also that trade routes were difficult to travel and manufacturing would have to be done close to home. The cotton gin, textile looms, drill presses and a reaper which could cut six times as much grain as a hand scythe were some of the tools invented.

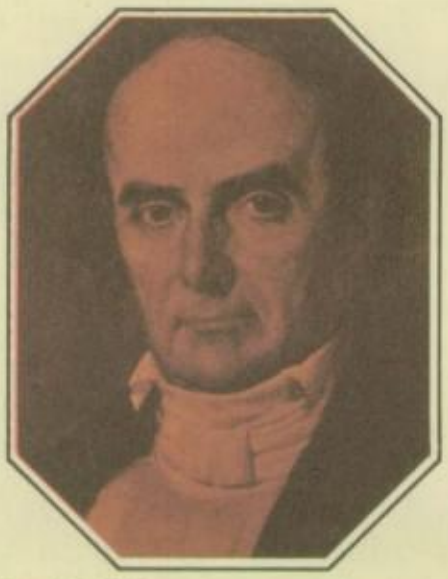
Protection for themselves and for their young country prodded inventors like Eli Whitney to perfect firearms and others to work on plans for the first submarine. Young inventors like Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison (called the nation's most valuable citizen) visualized machines that would light the country and open up communication with those in the far corners of the nation. The telephone, telegraph, phonograph and the first light bulb were discovered in the late 1800's and early twentieth century. This American way of doing for oneself inspired many to become inventors in their own right. Some sought to save labor and mass-produce for profit while others envisioned not only riches, but excitement and adventure as they discovered ways to defy nature.

Throughout the past 200 years the American mind has been unleashed to take whatever paths necessary to fulfill the needs. In the last half-century, the pace of discovery has been overwhelming and inventions for the taming of the universe lie in the grasp of America while the habit of "finding a way" is ingrained in its people. The seeds of industrial America were sown by these inventors resulting in today's mechanized society.

THEY MADE THEIR MARK

Men and women who helped shape America's history

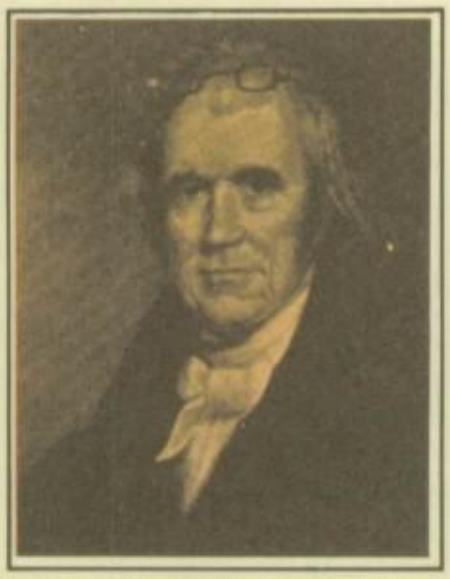
THOMAS PAINE, a bankrupt Quaker corsetmaker, sometime teacher, preacher and grocer wrote the most brilliant pamphlet of the American Revolution. His words in Common Sense reflected longings and aspirations that have remained part of American culture to this day.



DANIEL WEBSTER chose law as a career and went on to become well-known in the courts and in politics. He was twice Secretary of State with an eye always to the Presidency which eluded him.

DOROTHEA DIX worked her entire adult life for reform of the existing penal and mental institutions in the mid-1800's. The first state hospital in the nation at Trenton, New Jersey was a direct result of her efforts.

The creator of the Cherokee alphabet, **SEQUOYAH**, was an artist, writer and silversmith. He used a simple 1821 English primer to compose the characters. The famous redwood trees of the Pacific coast bear his name.



Chief Justice **JOHN MARSHALL** established fundamental principles of American constitutional law. He is noted for his precedental declaration of a Congressional act as unconstitutional. He served through five administrations, from 1801-1835.

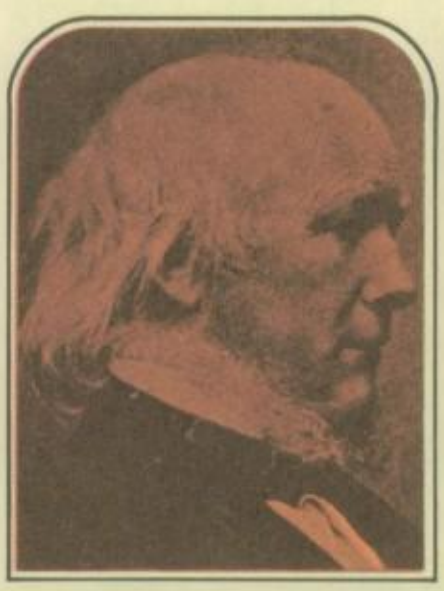
Born a slave in Maryland, **FREDERICK DOUGLASS** taught himself to read and write secretly and, at 21, escaped to freedom. He was an ardent abolitionist campaigning successfully for Negro suffrage and civil rights.

"The New Colossus," a sonnet composed by **EMMA LAZARUS** in 1883 is inscribed on a bronze tablet at the base of the Statue of Liberty. She organized relief for Jews and helped fugitives from the Czar's ghettos to establish homes in America.

AMELIA JENKS BLOOMER, best known for a mode of dress she adopted during her campaign for equal rights for women. Though ridiculed until she gave up the costume, the term "bloomer" came to symbolize woman's bid for individual freedom.

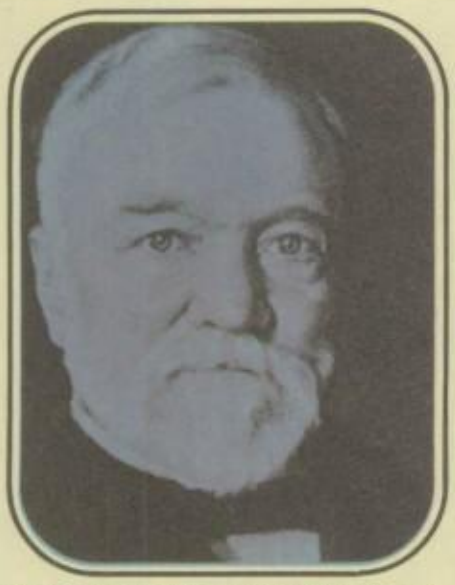
ABRAHAM LINCOLN epitomized the American dream of a humble young man ascending to the highest office of the land. He was superbly skilled at analyzing complex issues and translating them into meaningful words for the public. He was devoted to the preservation of the Union.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE wrote **Uncle Tom's Cabin** in an effort to make the whole nation realize the inhumanity of slavery. Her book resulted in one of the most popular and controversial plays on the American stage. The Civil War was kindled by this work.



HORACE GREELEY'S admonition to "Go West young man" was a rallying cry of the pioneers of America. He was founder and editor of the New York Tribune. He was best known for his philosophy of social reform and his unsuccessful bid for the Presidency in 1872.

JOSEPH PULITZER was the first journalist to reach a truly massive audience. His New York **World** newspaper was the symbol of "yellow journalism" with its sensationalism aimed at the common man.

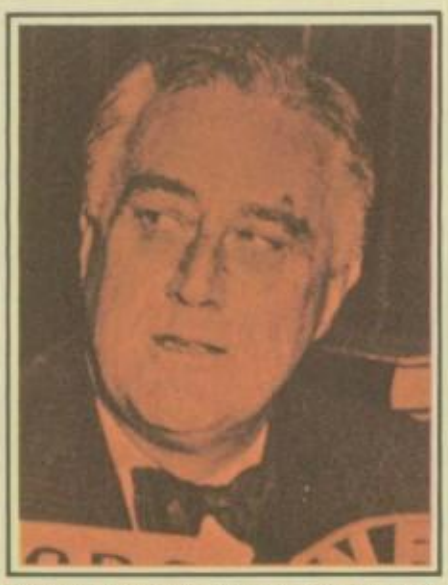


ANDREW CARNEGIE was a giant in the railroad and steel industries. He believed that it was the duty of a rich man to distribute his wealth during his lifetime. To that end, he established 2800 libraries and many cultural halls throughout America.

A lifetime passion for machinery led **HENRY FORD** to Detroit where, in 1896, he completed his first motor vehicle. The Ford Motor Company manufactured the first "Model T" in 1909.

One of the most elementary symbols of the American way of life was established when **J. EDGAR HOOVER** and his Federal Bureau of Investigation "G-men" set out to clean up the country. His career spanned over 40 years.

The motion-picture industry was revolutionized in America and **DAVID WARK GRIFFITH** became known as the "Father of the film art" and "king of directors" for his part in this revolution. His camera techniques were the pioneering steps of the industry.



Serving an unprecedented four terms as President of the United States, **FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT** was a popular leader who made extensive use of fireside radio chats to explain his plans and generate enthusiasm to push them through Congress.

ROBERT FROST's poetry was clear, understated, well-metered and told the stories of rural America. He was a four-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize and has been called America's poet laureate.

A plain, homely woman with tremendous appeal to the masses, who was always in the "thick of things" describes **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT** and her lifetime of politicking beside her husband during his four terms.

THURGOOD MARSHALL is the first Negro to serve as a justice of the Supreme Court. His law career was aimed primarily at civil rights cases.

The crippler poliomyelitis was conquered by **DR. JONAS SALK** in 1953 after more than 25 years of research. Polio was reduced by 96% in less than ten years. SALK's research continues in California at the Salk Institute.

MARTIN LUTHER KING was a leader in the cause of civil rights. He had been a pastor before turning to the cause of segregation. His leadership earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was assassinated by James Earl Ray in 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel **JOHN GLENN** started America's travels to outer space when he became the first American to orbit the earth. He had been an aviator in World War II and a test pilot in peacetime.

GERALD R. FORD, the first President to achieve the office without an election. In 1974, through a series of scandalous events, the Nixon administration toppled and FORD reached the position through approval by Congress.

WORKING FOR THE YANKEE DOLLAR

Imagine buying that acre of land you have spotted for $1.25! Or, even at the higher price of $10. Those are the prices offered to our founding fathers to encourage settlement of the wilderness areas of this nation.

A stage wasn't the most comfortable way to go, but you could get from city to city for as little as $3 — at the amazing pace of six miles per hour.

Compare today's wages with a 12-hour day in the early 1800's. A man earned 50¢ a day. Of course his dollar bought a little more than today's. Butter in 1826 was about 5¢ lb. in the Midwest; eggs, 3¢ doz.; corn 6¢ bu., wheat, 25¢ bu.; and a cow could be bought for $5.

With travel becoming the American tradition, you could choose train, wagon, horseback or the water. A canal ride, with bed and board included, averaged 3 or 4¢ per mile. And when you reached your destination, you could sit down to a 5, or even 10 course meal for 25¢. (Ladies 20¢, in consideration of appetite.)

Farmers in the early 1800's could own the famous McCormick Reaper for a mere $100. But the Civil War increased prices as the machine became the first item farmers could buy on time payments for the sum of $1,500.

A good suit of clothes then might cost $1.95 and ladies waists (blouses) were marketed for 49¢ to $3.50 with a whole dress pattern priced at 15¢.

Cookstoves, "quality-satisfaction guaranteed," could cost you $29.25 at $4 per month and a dandy heating stove could set you back as much as $5.73 and up. The first electric refrigerator cost $900 — which might be enough to make you faint on your 1907 fainting couch that had cost a mere $7.85.

Your new baby travelled in the height of fashion in a wicker sleeping coach (stroller) for the sum of $12.04. If you had $1,500 in 1903 you could show off in one of the first automobiles.

Ah, those were the days. Some of the current prices are reminiscent of those days, but at frontier prices, which were a whole different story. Hardy pioneers had to pay $2 a pound for sugar, too. And the same for a pound of coffee or pepper. Those items were only 15¢ per pound back in civilized St. Louis. Flour was marked up 100 times for sale to the frontiersmen and during the famous Gold Rush, that precious commodity went for $400 a barrel.

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The Founder, C. W. Peale, desirous of securing the Museum permanently in this city, obtained an act of Incorporation, by which the stability of the Institution is insured. The act of Incorporation secures the use of the Museum in perpetuity to the city, and authorizes the Stockholders to appoint annually five trustees, who meet quarterly to regulate the business of the Institution. Nothing can be removed from the Institution under a penalty, and forfeiture of double the value of the thing removed; hence donations may be made with certainty on the part of the donors, that the articles placed in the Museum will always remain for the public good.

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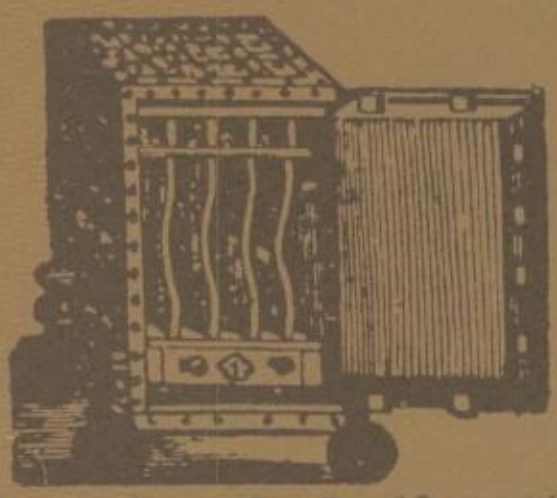

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"So you are the little woman who wrote the book that made this great war." LINCOLN to Harriet Beecher Stowe.

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, . . ." *EMMA LAZARUS*

"The people are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty." *THOMAS JEFFERSON*

"A truly American sentiment recognises the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil." *GROVER CLEVELAND*

"Be sure you are right, then go ahead." DAVID CROCKETT

"A knowledge of the past prepares us for the crisis of the present and the challenge of the future." *JOHN F. KENNEDY*

" . . . That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom." *LINCOLN*

"Historic continuity with the past is not a duty; it is only a necessity." JUSTICE OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

"America is a tune. It must be sung together." *GERALD STANLEY LEE*

"Go West, young man, and grow up with the country." *HORACE GREELEY*

"I come to present the strong claims of suffering humanity." DOROTHEA DIX

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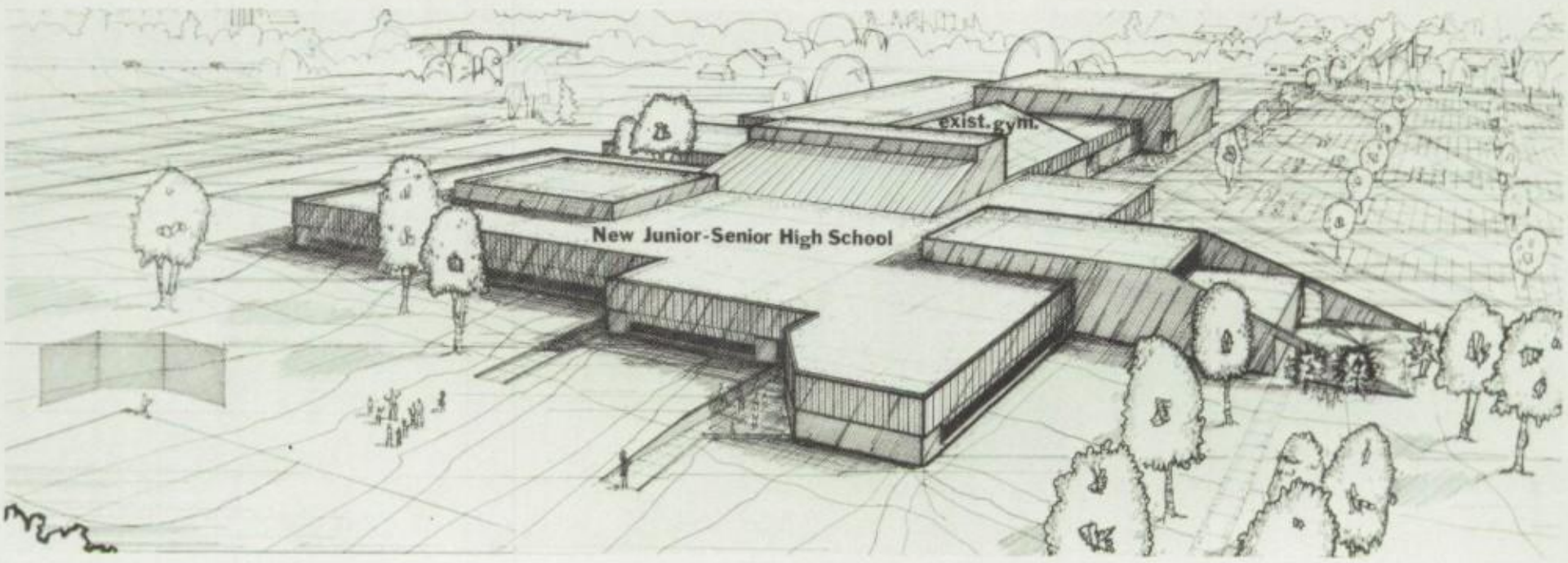
Although tradition and heritage are treasured, eventually the old must make way for the new. Just as past generations provided for the present, this present generation is charged with providing for the future. In the 1976 TOMAHAWK, the yearbook staff has attempted to accurately capture the 1976 Heritage as well as the present NHS.



Yesterday Today Tomorrow

Represented by a small dot at 39° north latitude and 88° west longitude, Neoga, Illinois, was spotted on the big globe in 1825. Kickapoo Indians were in possession of this territory until the Black Hawk War in 1832 drove them west to secure greater security from the white men. The name Neoga, meaning deer, probably originated with these Kickapoo Indians.

In 1832, the work on the National Road began and settlements developed all along the trail. The present counties of Douglas, Coles, and Cumberland were defined in 1843. Less than 500 people lived in Cumberland County at this time. Cholera claimed many lives in 1845 and many rushed to California in 1849. Soldiers of the Mexican War were issued land grants in 1850, acres were sold for $1.25, and the population grew.

Several daring pioneers came west into Cumberland County. Among them was Neoga's first merchant, Dudley Keen Johnson. In the 1850's, he located the Neoga Depot along with placing his first store where the Cumberland County Bank now stands.

The Illinois Central Railroad was instrumental in the founding of Neoga, providing certain access to Neoga station located here by Ephraim Jennings.

During the Civil War, many young men joined the Union Army, but some Southern sympathizers were noted.

Between the years, 1856-1869, the Neoga residents governed themselves in true frontier style. Then in common wild-west tradition they began to feel the need of the "law." The first elected officals for Neoga took office on May 1, 1870. The roving swine was apparently a typical part of the Neoga scene, because the symbol was encircled within the official seal adopted by the first city fathers. Later this symbol was replaced by a logo incorporating the deer.

H-29316 Oak Street, Looking North, Neoga, Ill.

During the late 1800's and early 1900's, Neoga progressed greatly and rapidly. Hardware and clothing stores as well as restaurants and schools flourished. Water systems and other utilities were gradually added.

Not only has Neoga progressed greatly since its origin 120 years ago due to the continuing efforts of Neoga citizens, but also our founders can be credited with having much concern for quality education of the youth.

Miss Mary Ann Ewing was the first teacher in Neoga and helped organize the first one-room school in 1857. The first high school graduating class, in 1887, included Alice Bradman, Elsie Husband, Carrie Hancock, Ada Wright, Minnie Smith, and Cora Hancock. By this time the one room school had been replaced by a two story building, which burned in 1896 and was replaced by a two story brick building. Increasing enrollment prompted the construction of the Neoga Township High School in 1909. Once more fire destroyed parts of the school and in 1922 construction repaired the damage. A physical education complex was added in 1953. The old grade school was replaced by a modern Neoga Elementary and Junior High School. Pioneer attendance center was retained with Trowbridge and Etna attendance centers closing.

"Throughout the years as needs arose for...school buildings, the various boards and administrators as well as citizens in the community were blessed with foresight to take adequate steps to provide for future as well as present needs. The school has been one, throughout the years of which the community can be proud. Many of our graduates have become leading citizens in many walks of life in their respective communities and so have justified our faith in the value of education."

All of the Neoga history has been summarized from THE STORY OF NEOGA written by Mrs. Agnes Voris for the Neoga Centennial in 1956. For her interesting and accurate compiling of this history we are grateful.

West Side Business Street, Looking South

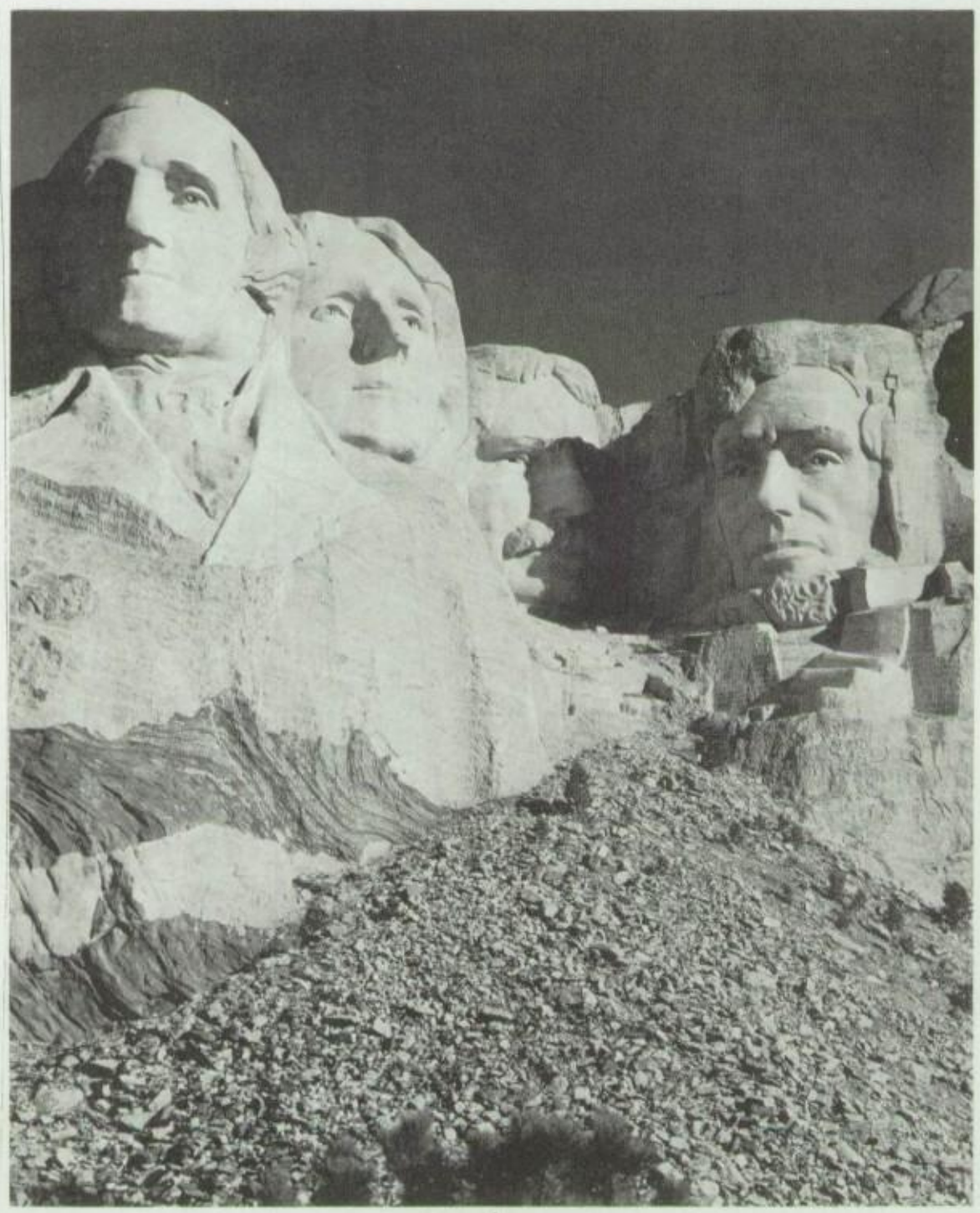
Locust Street, Looking North from [illegible] Church

First Graduating Class of Public School

Negro Grade School

Spirit

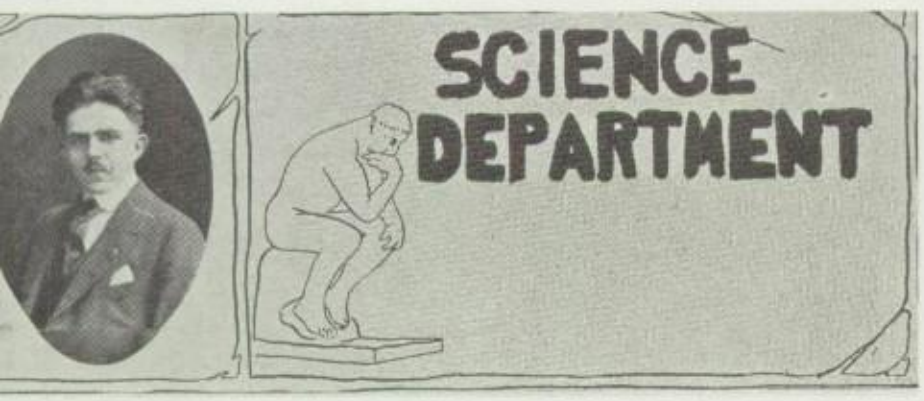
Of '76

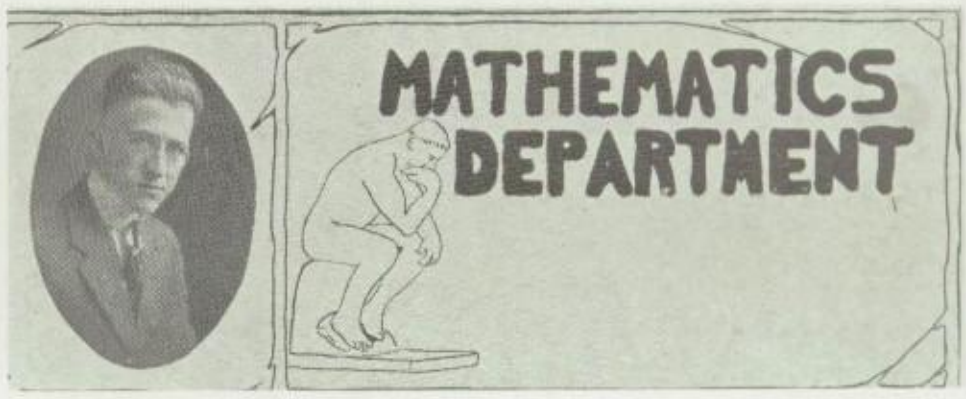


ADMINSTRATION & FACULTY

The 4 pictures at the bottom of the page were taken from the Neoga "Breeze", the yearbook published for 1923. They are some of the faculty who were teaching at Neoga High School in 1923. Starting from the bottom from left to right are pictures of the following teachers: Dorothy H. Yelker; Home Economics; Oscar Nord, Mathematics; Maurice C. Stallsmith, Science; Hazel Call, English. The other 3 pictures were taken from the 1914 issue of the Neoga yearbook. From left to right are pictures of the following teachers; Alma B. Conrad, Genevieve Biss, and Mary A. Yoder.

As we look back on the history of Neoga High School, we find many differences apparent. In 1914 the school had 4 teachers and a principal. The principal also had the job of coaching the basketball and track teams. Today we have over 25 teachers and assistants serving the students at N. H. S. Also we have 4 coaches, as our principal has a big enough job as it is. The Neoga High School has come a long way since 1914, but our 1976 heritage was made possible by the efforts of earlier faculties and administrators.



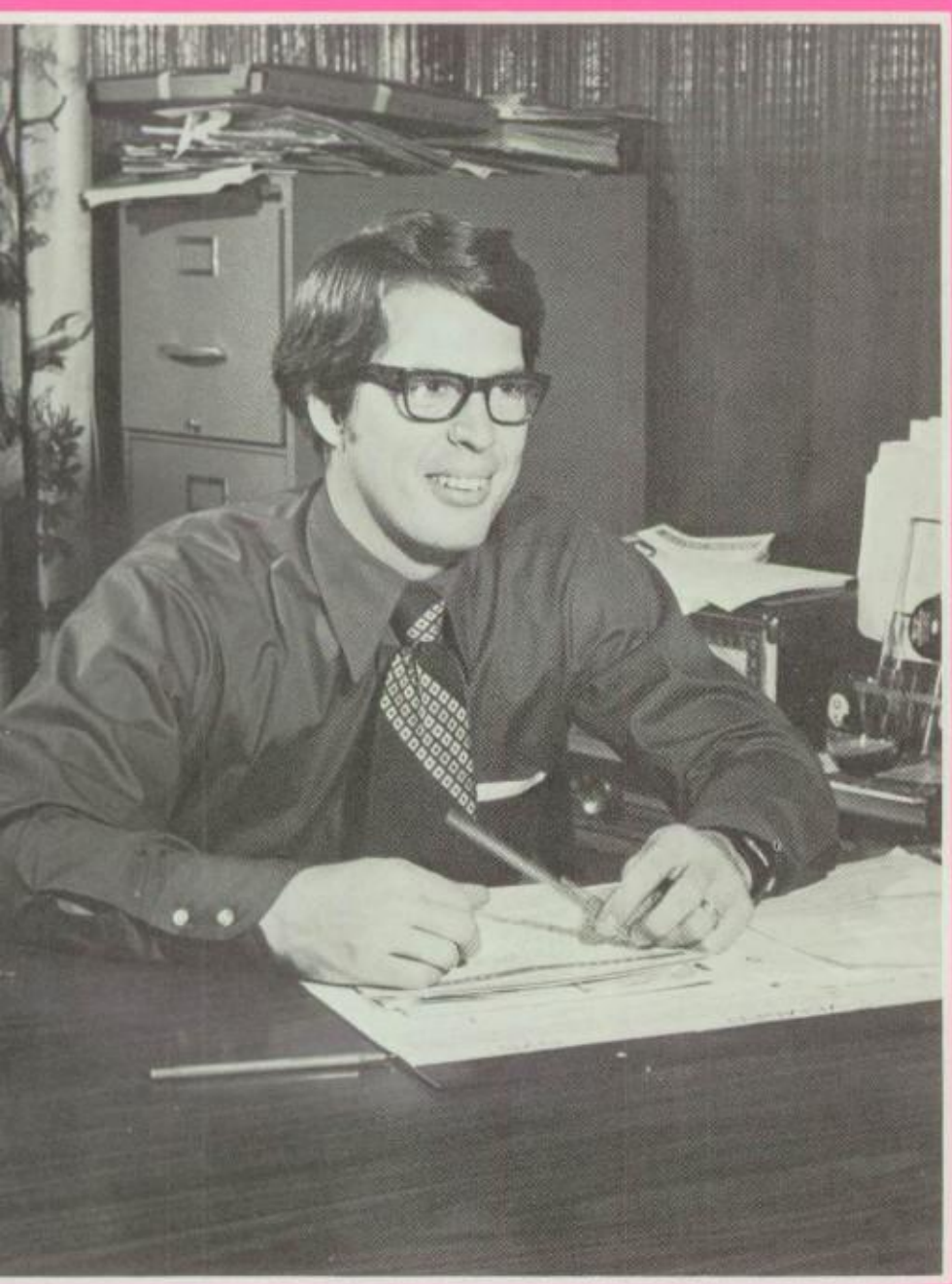


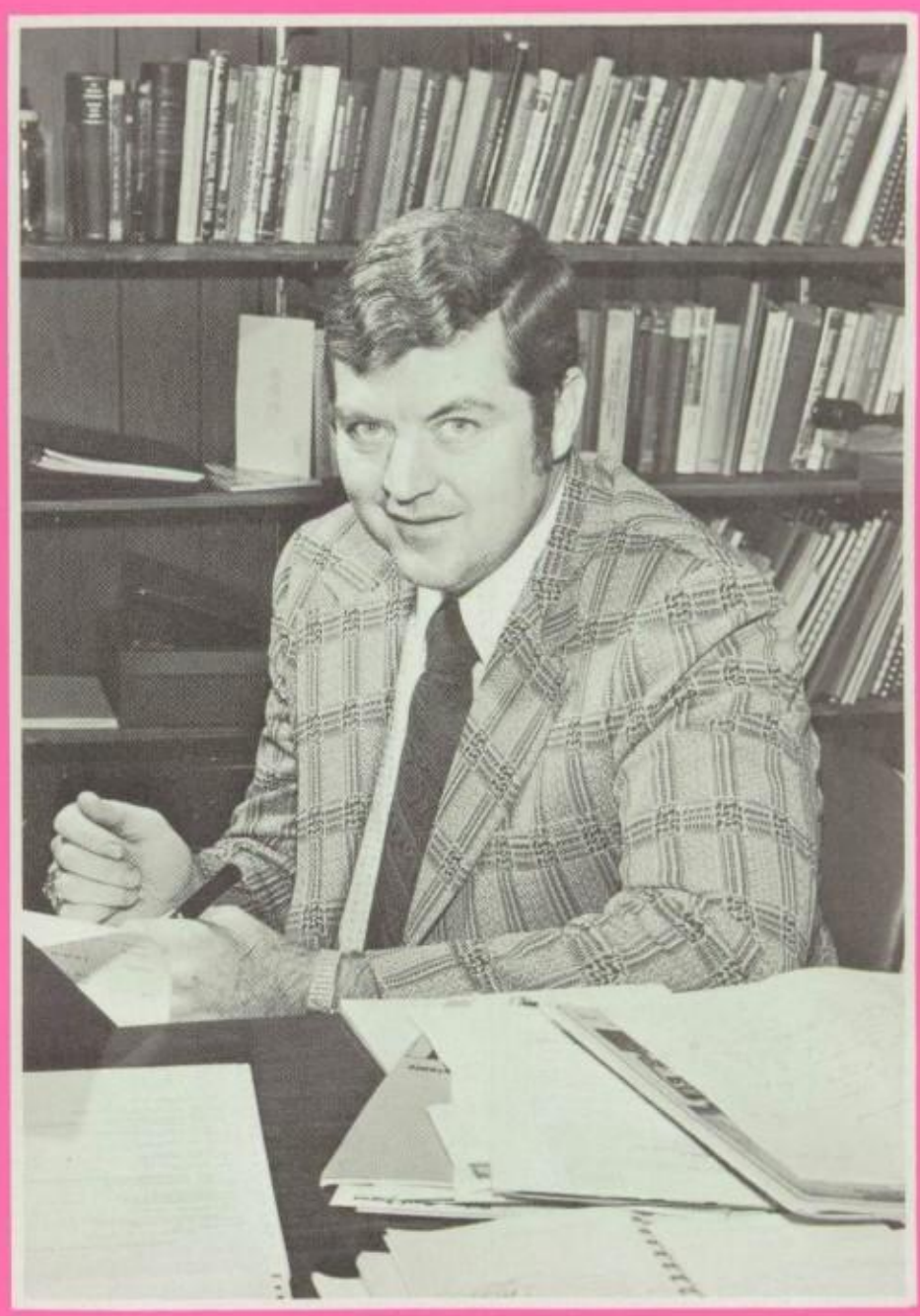
School Board And New Administrators Plan New Neoga Jr.-Sr. High School

N.H.S. welcomed Mr. Dick Green, principal, and Mr. Jerry Overby, superintendent. Taking routine duties in stride, they helped the board plan our new school.

TOP LEFT: School Board members visit the high school.

STANDING are George Schumaker, Vic Czerwonka, and Pat Williamson. SEATED are Bob Swengel, Bill McKinney, Charles Jansen, and Roger Ewing. TOP CENTER: Mr. Green worked on daily paper work. TOP RIGHT: Mr. Overby pondered Capital Development forms. BOTTOM LEFT: Mr. Overby analyzes the first rendering of the new school. BOTTOM RIGHT: The plans for the new school please the school board.





New Junior-Senior High School

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
NEDIGA COMMUNITY UNIT DIST. 3

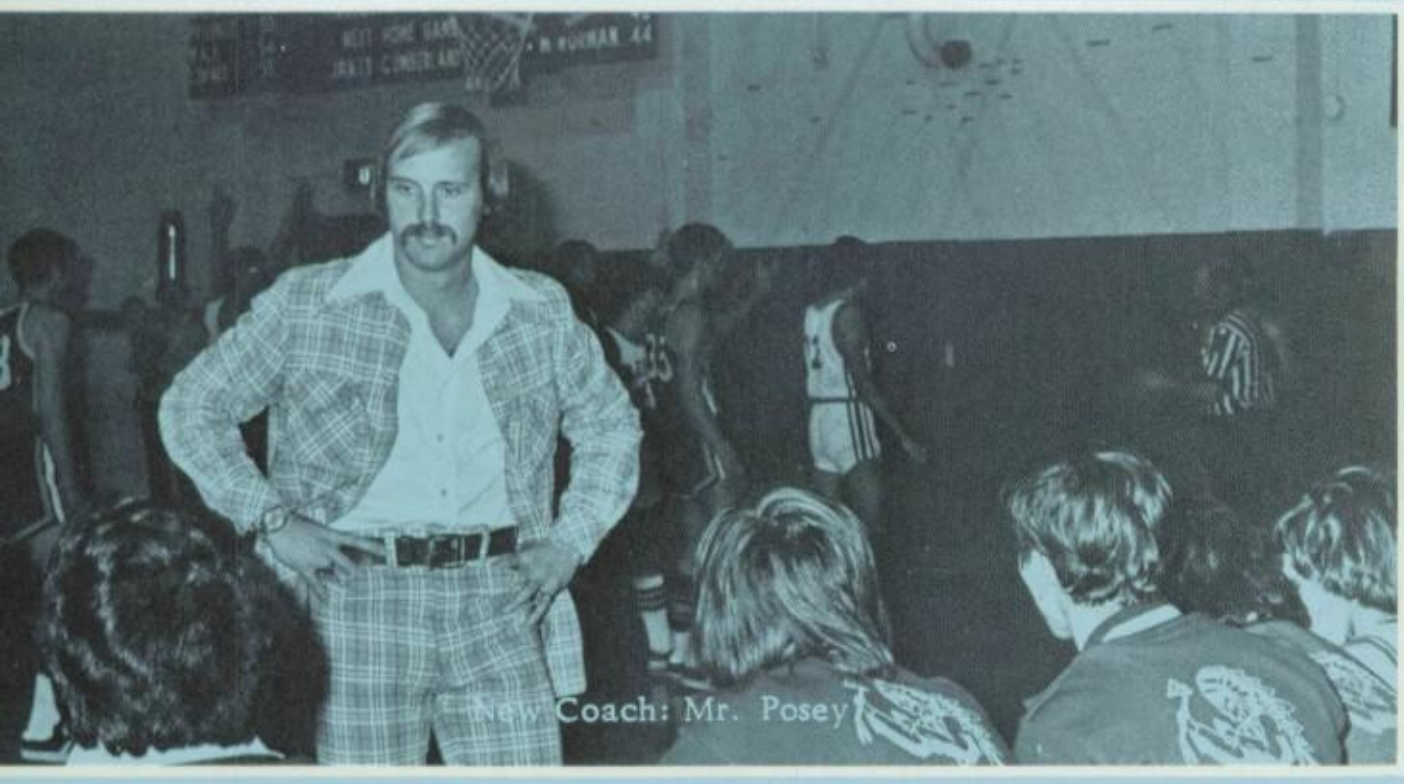
Teachers — Many Roles

Teachers from 1776 would be surprised at the many roles in which their 1976 counterparts are involved. In addition to "in the classroom" involvement, NHS teachers enjoyed many extra-curricular activities as shown on these pages. Faculty members may not have been recognized during 1950's Day. Mrs. Elgin encouraged freshmen struggling through individualized library skills. At a student council activity, Mr. Lindley was a sound person. Did all teachers enjoy selling ballgame tickets as much as Mrs. Walk, Mrs. Dougherty, and Mrs. Cobble? Teachers meetings help coordinate curriculum.

FIRST ROW:
Stanley Albin
Guidance
Pat Andres
English
Terry Biggs
Driver Ed.
Phoebe Church
Girls' P. E.
Kathlene Bingamin
Nurse
Zita Cobble
English, Spanish

SECOND ROW:
Sandy Dougherty
Resource Teacher
Nila Elgin
Library
Sara Horath
Home Ec.
Larry Ganley
Art
Donna Kenneaster
Business Ed.
Marsha Klimes
C. W. T.

THIRD ROW:
Jerry Krueger
Science, Driver Ed.
Dan Leathers
Vocational Ag.
Rex Lindley
Industrial Arts
Howard Louthan
Science
Linda Loxley
Resource Teacher
John Luallen
History, Speech



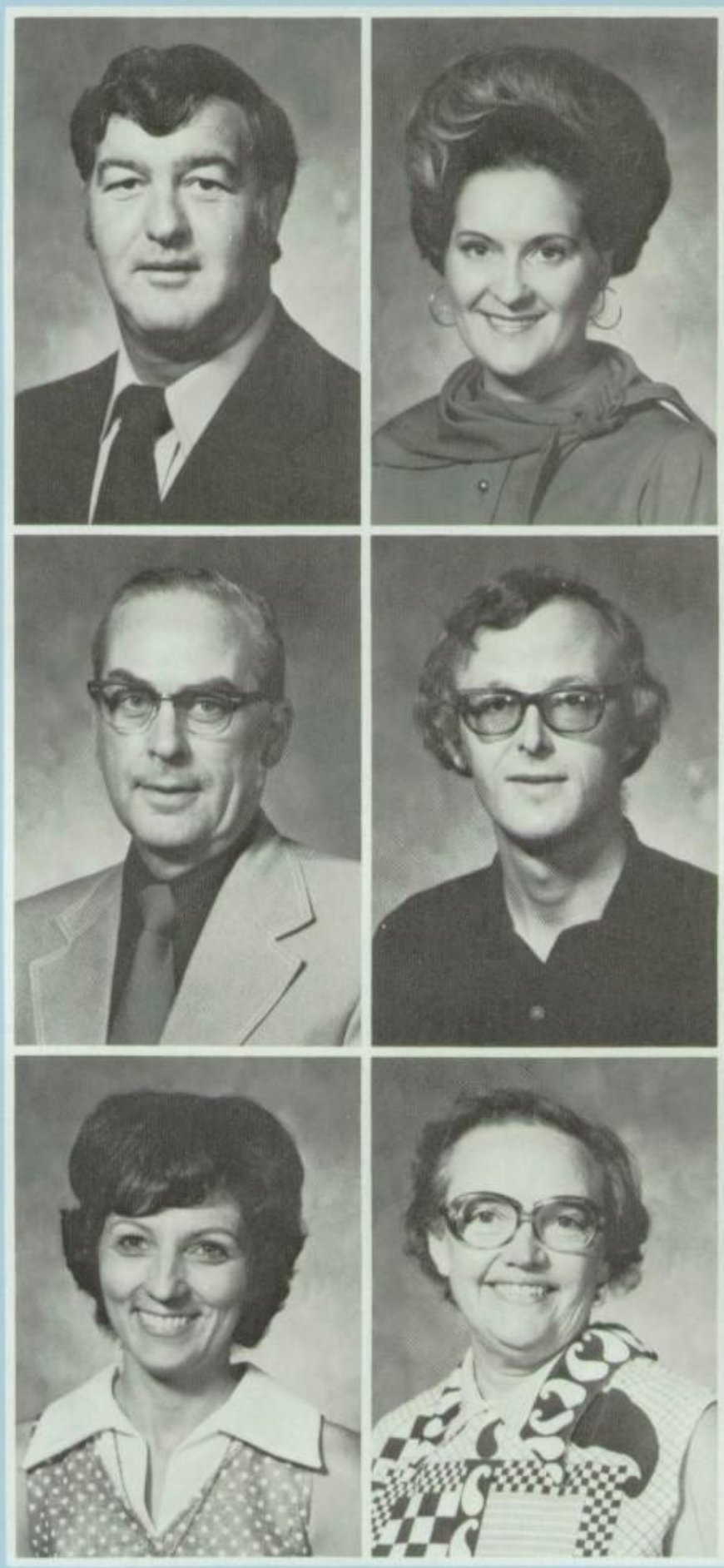
New Coach: Mr. Posey

McTeer talks!

all business?

Mrs. Abell returns second semester

FIRST ROW:
J. Lee McTeer
History
Shelby McTeer
English
Scott Posey
Boys' P.E.
SECOND ROW:
Ray Springs
Music
Robert Stortzum
Math
Pat Sutton
Speech
THIRD ROW:
Karen Walk
Business Ed.
Agnes Voris
Library
Philip Zimmer
Science, Math



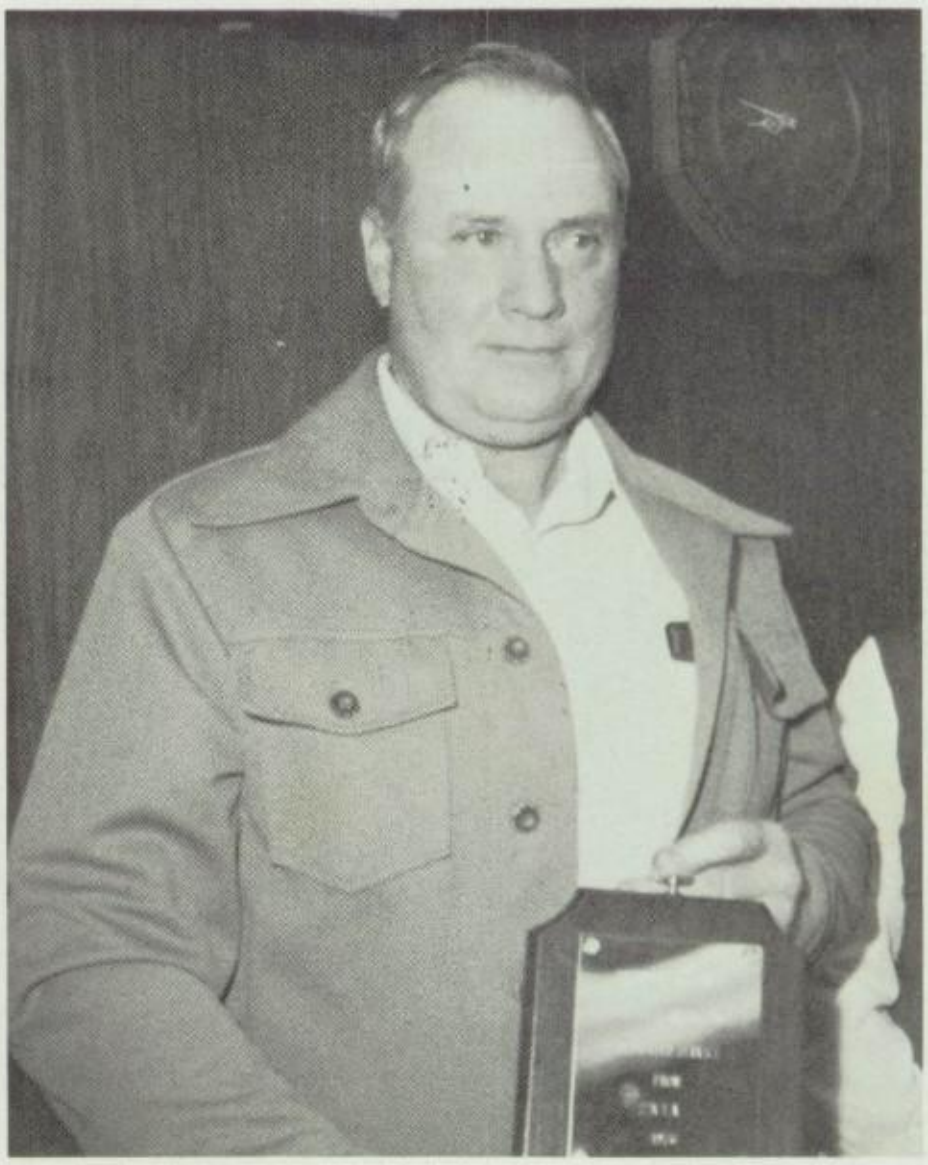
Retirees Honored

For the past twenty-eight years, Mrs. Agnes Voris has been devoted to the teaching profession. Beginning her career at the age of nineteen as a teacher of American Indian children in South Dakota, Mrs. Voris has been actively involved in education as teacher and librarian. Her enthusiasm, knowledge, and common sense have guided hundreds of students throughout the years.

Although Mrs. Voris is retiring this year from her present position as Neoga unit librarian, her skills will be put to good use as she assumes the role of librarian for the new Neoga Public Library. The yearbook staff thanks "Mrs. A.V." for her dedication and wishes her well in the future.

After nine years of service to the Neoga school district, Mr. Bob McKinney retired this year from the Neoga Board of Education. His devotion to the children in the Neoga district earned him the respect of parents, teachers, and administrators. Upon his retirement, Mr. McKinney was presented with a plaque from the Neoga Teachers' Association in appreciation of his service.

Through seventeen years of ice storms, hazardous roads, and noisy students, Mr. Joe Keck has faithfully served the Neoga school unit as bus driver. His face became a familiar one to the hundreds of children he carried safely to and from school each day. The students of Neoga extend their thanks to Mr. Keck this year as he retires and wishes him the best for the future.



Neoga Secretaries

The Secretarial--Aide staff has done an excellent job this year. The hassle of writing passes, typing tests, xeroxing papers, keeping accounts straight, and answering telephones did not wipe the smiles off our secretaries' faces.

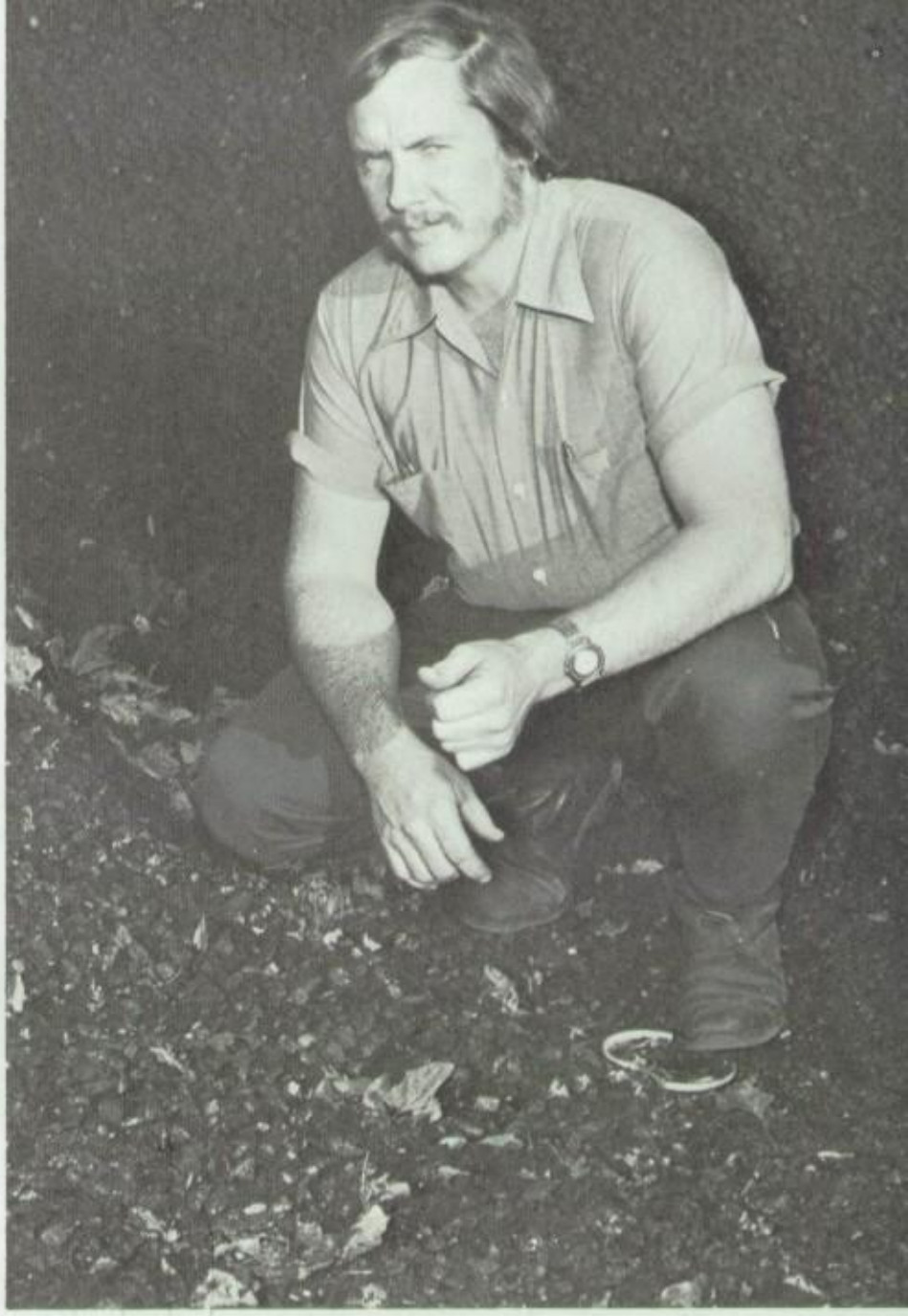
Mrs. Bill Alexander and Mrs. Dennis Moore are Board Office and Unit #3 secretaries. Mrs. Dallas Young is the Neoga High School secretary, and Mrs. Harvey Watkins is teachers' aide at the high school.

Our Cooks Of '76

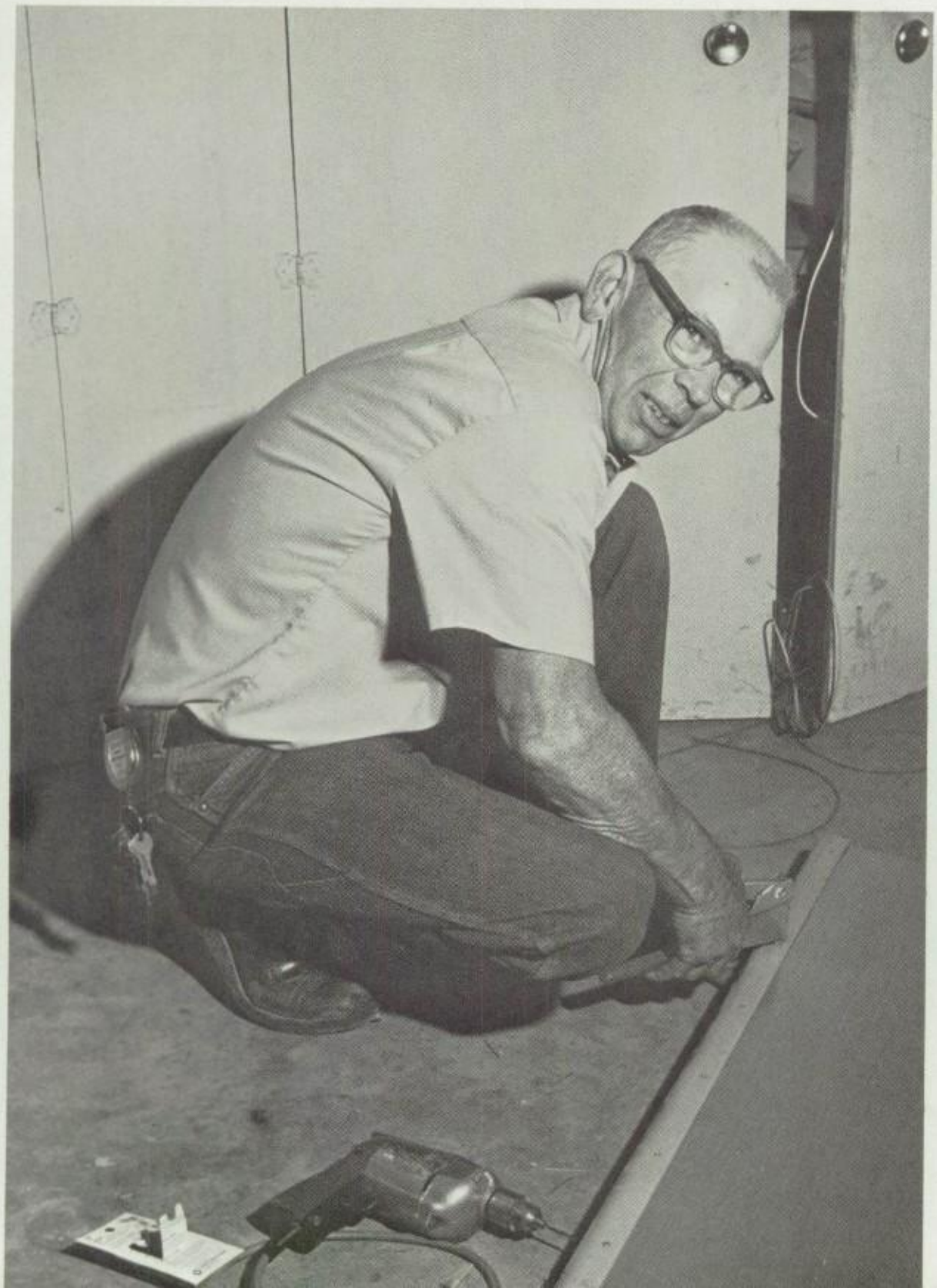
Without the cooks' filling, nutritious meals, many students would go through the day with out any lunch at all. Mrs. Beals and Mrs. Orr keep our platters filled with different recipes and favorites each week. Students also enjoy the hot sandwiches supervised by Mrs. Starwalt.

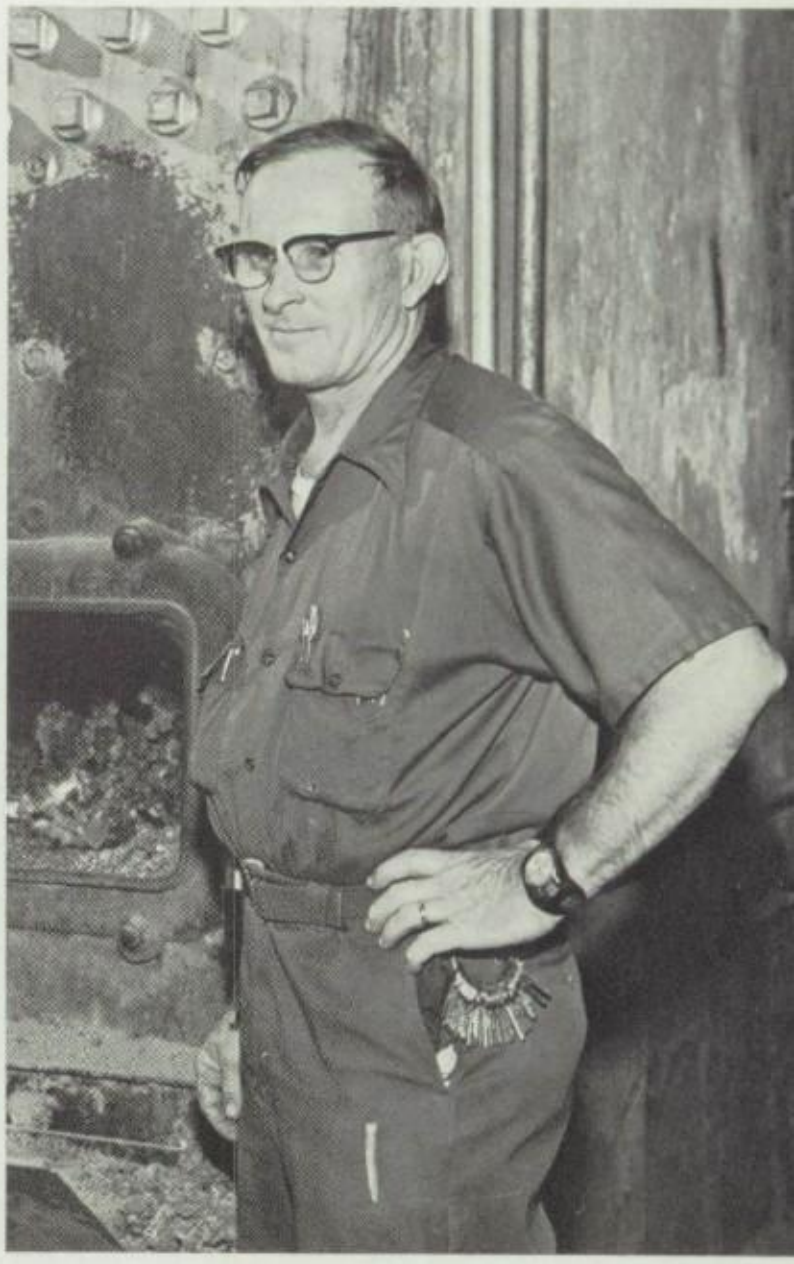
What Would Happen If . . .

The snow grew deeper, or the windshield wiper would not work, but such obstacles did not hinder the determined bus drivers from getting through the routes on time. In addition, the maintenence men, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Hall, kept the school orderly by sweeping hallways and cleaning off tops of lockers. Mr. Tucker managed to keep the busses rolling, while Mr. Romack diligently worked at keeping all water pipes from leaking, walls repaired, and ceilings patched. These dedicated people spend time and effort just to help the future--US!



BUS DRIVERS: Mrs. Soderberg, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Louthan, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Kastl, Mrs. Coy, Mrs. Willenborg, Mrs. Ehrhart, Mrs. Zimmer, Mrs. Martin, Mr. McClain, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Keck.





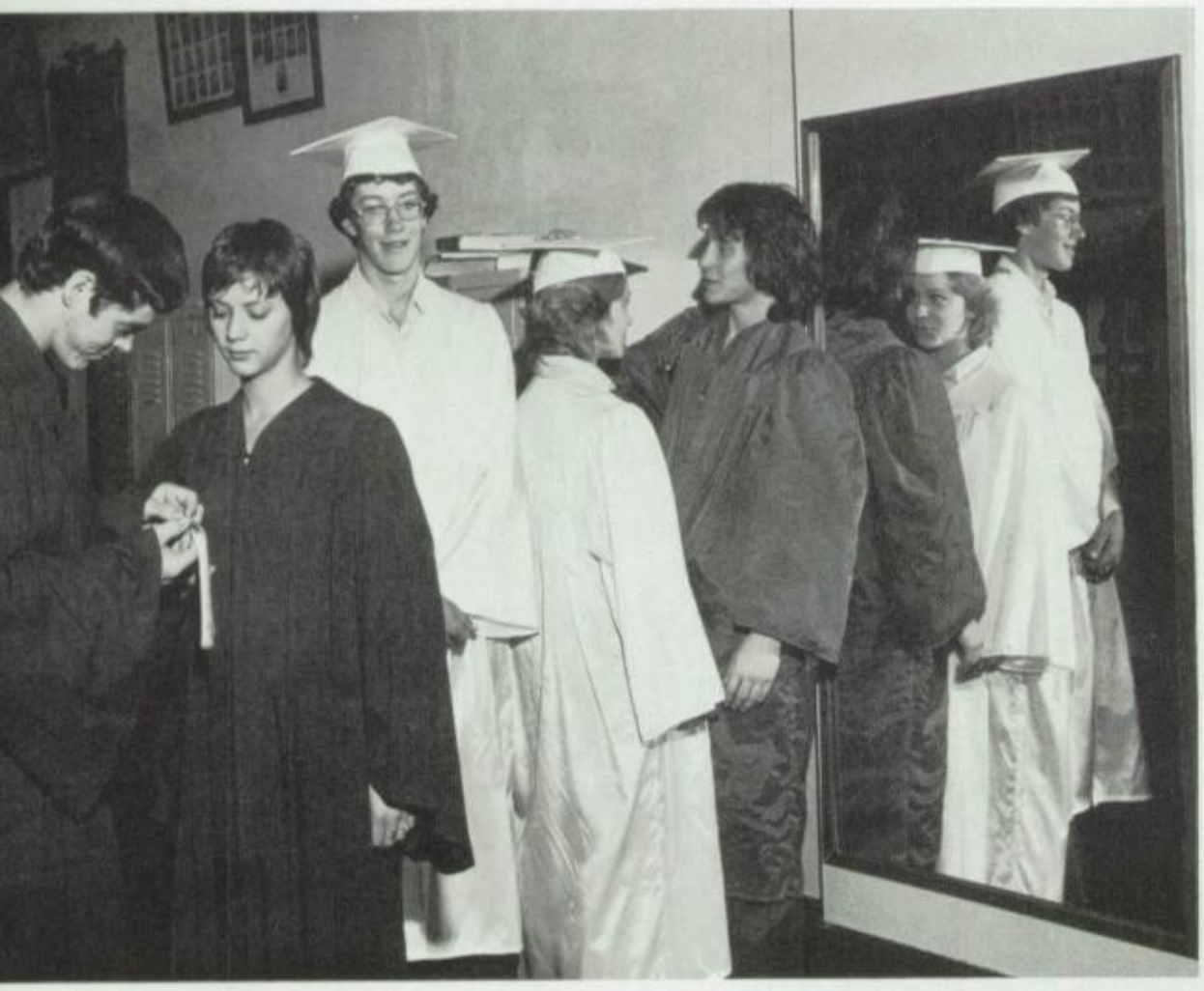
CLASSES

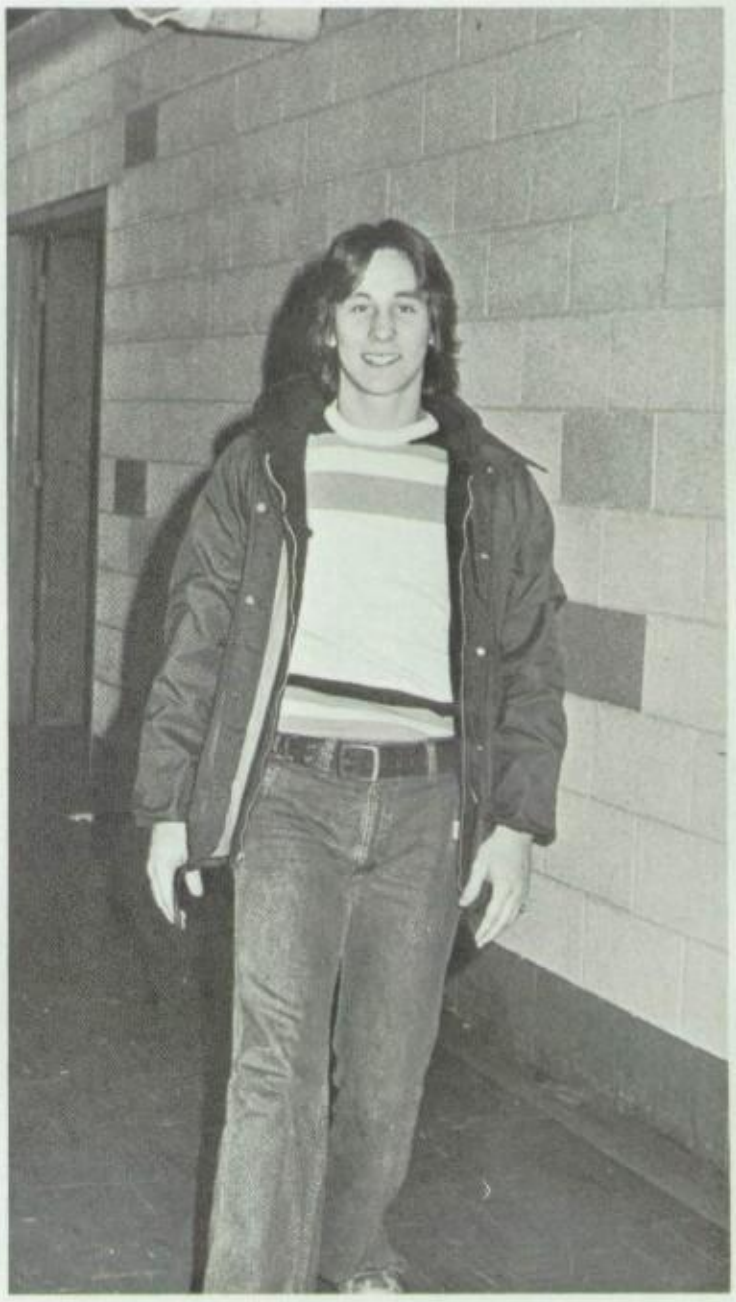
In 1923 the senior enrollment at N. T. H. S. amounted to twenty three people. They had started out their years in N. T. H. S. with a freshman class of thirty nine people, but this number steadily decreased through the four year journey. Only three of the twenty three seniors are pictured here and they are from left to right: Helen Baker, Virgil Brimberry, and Thelma Farr.

Freshman class (1914)
Clara Plummer
Oma Jackson
Edna Greaves
Agnes Huff
Edith Wilson
Lawrence Dewhirst
Neva Latimer
Robert Buchanan
Russell Kurtz
Florine McMunn
Pearl Lockhart
Warren Hall
Harold Phelps

Sophomore Class Officers (1923)
Pres. --Waldo Higgins
Vice Pres. --Franklin Voris
Secretary--Olivia Higgins

Junior Class Officers (1923)
Pres. --Eleanor Young
Vice Pres. --Victor Bigler
Secretary--Jennie Dove



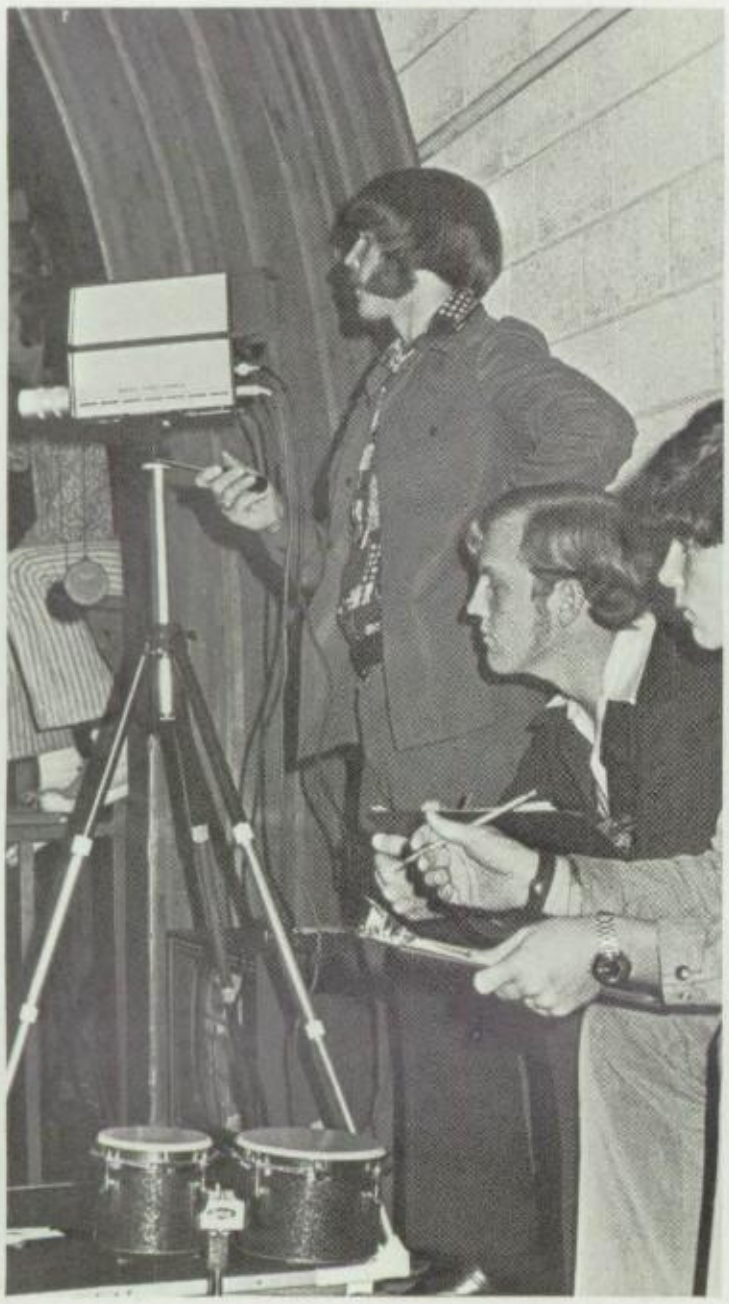


Four Years And Freedom

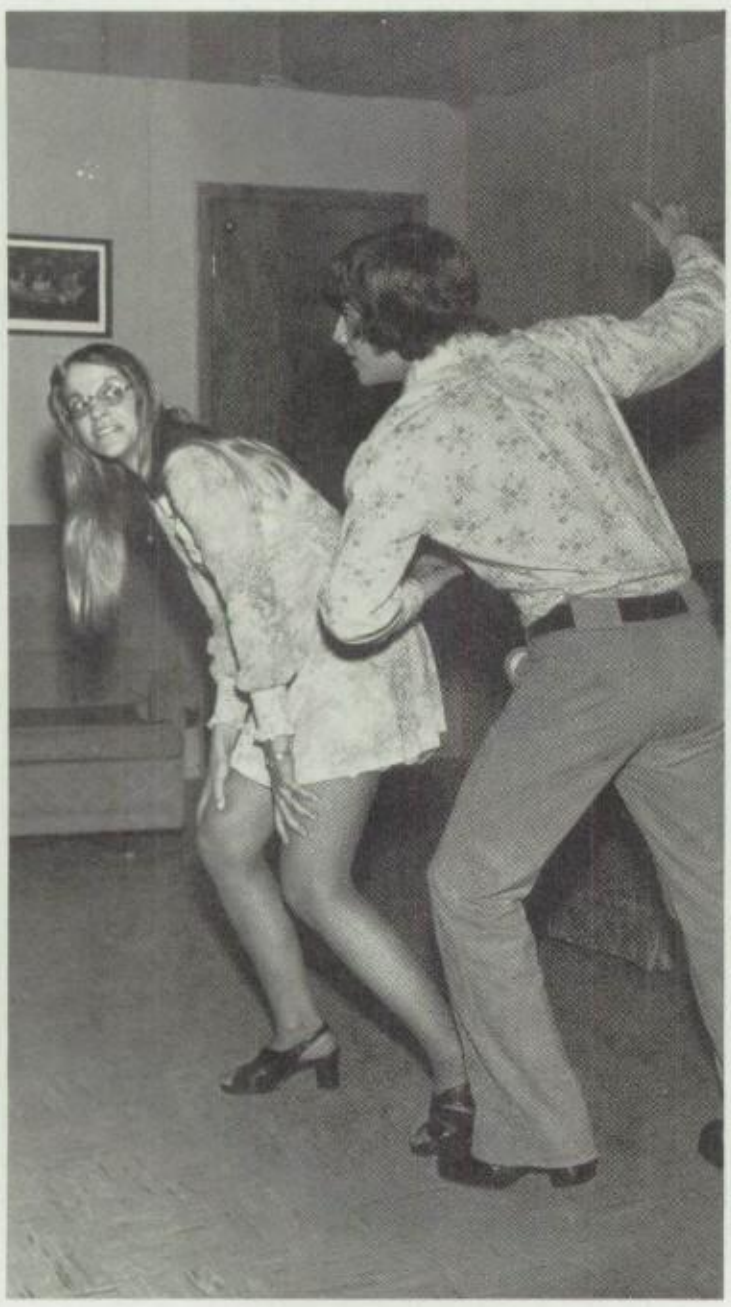
Our futures have begun--Leaving behind wistful memories of past experiences--tucked in the back of our minds. Many of us would not go back to the start of our freshmen year knowing what lay ahead.

The long hours spent in classes, or after school on basketball, volleyball, tennis or track practice seemed like they would never end, but have passed so quickly. Selling candy and "sodi" during half-time at ball games, memorizing lines for the school play, preparing for prom and homecoming, talking our heads off at class meetings when we were supposed to be quiet will soon become our past.

Now we look to the future and the lifestyles some of us have chosen. The unity which we've enjoyed that made our class the best these past 4 years at N. H. S. may be felt again under different circumstances but never exactly the same. Because the Class of '76 will now experience the freedom we've longed for.



OPPOSITE PAGE, UPPER LEFT: Senior class officers, Darrell Lane, Student Council; Laura Claybaugh, Vice President; Pat Walk, Student Council; Pat Bushur, Secretary-Treasurer; Keith Busher, President. UPPER RIGHT: Caught in the act. THIS PAGE, UPPER LEFT: Watch the camera. LOWER LEFT: And one to grow on. UPPER RIGHT: Registering alumni at Homecoming Game. LOWER RIGHT: Senior spirit.



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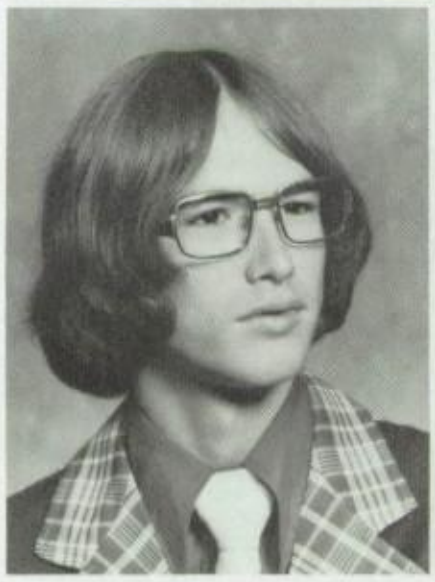
KEITH BUSHUR

PATTI BUSHUR

GENE EVANS



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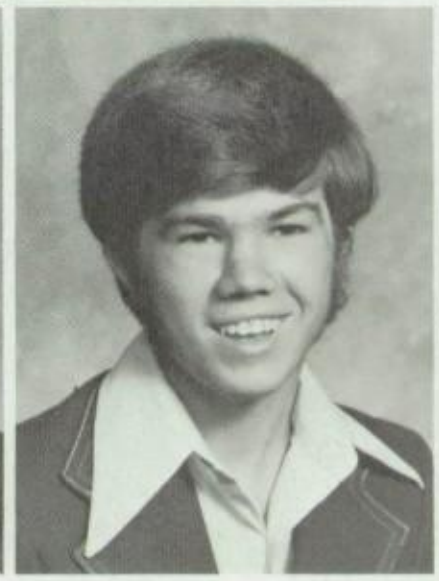

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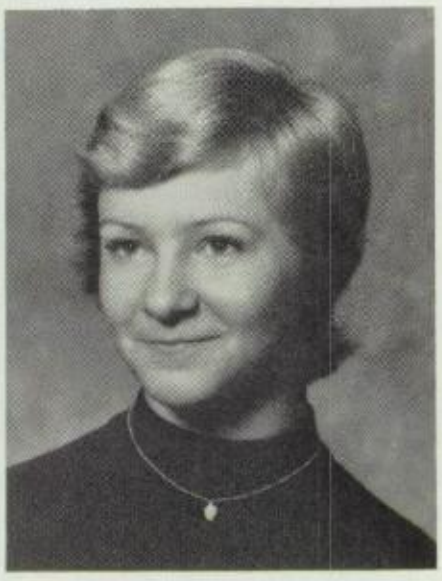

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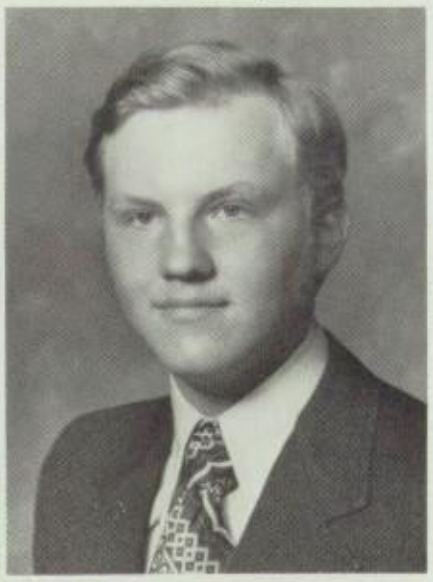

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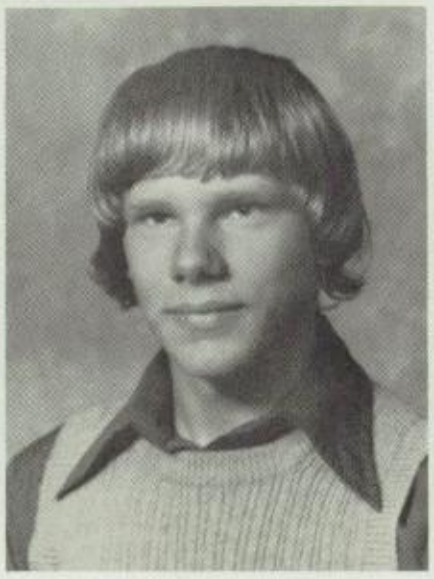

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Chuck Hardesty
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Darryl Janes
Leslee Janes
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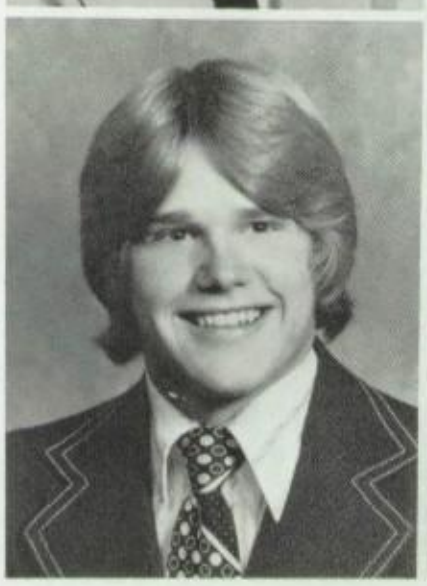

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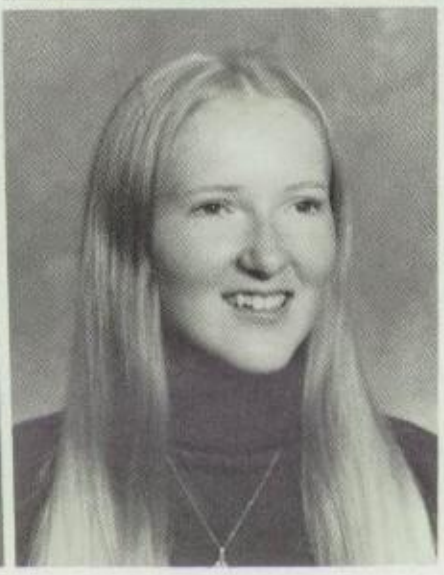

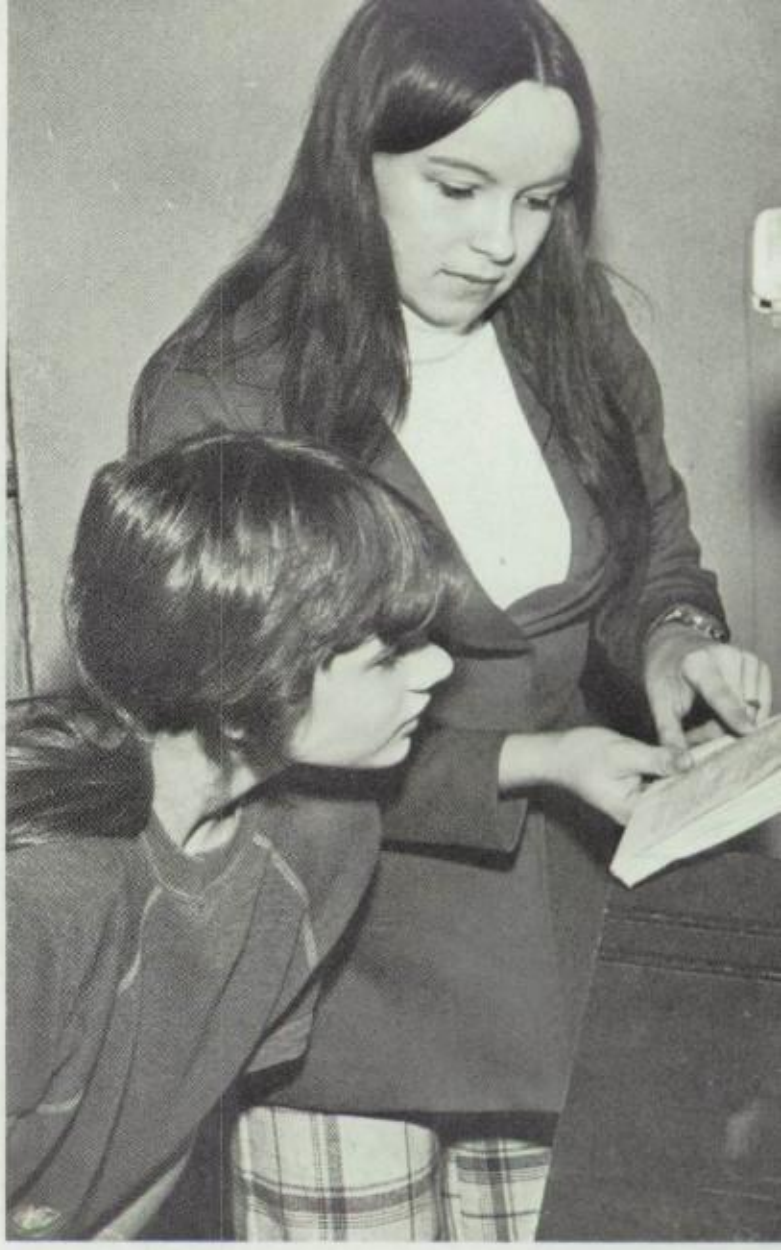

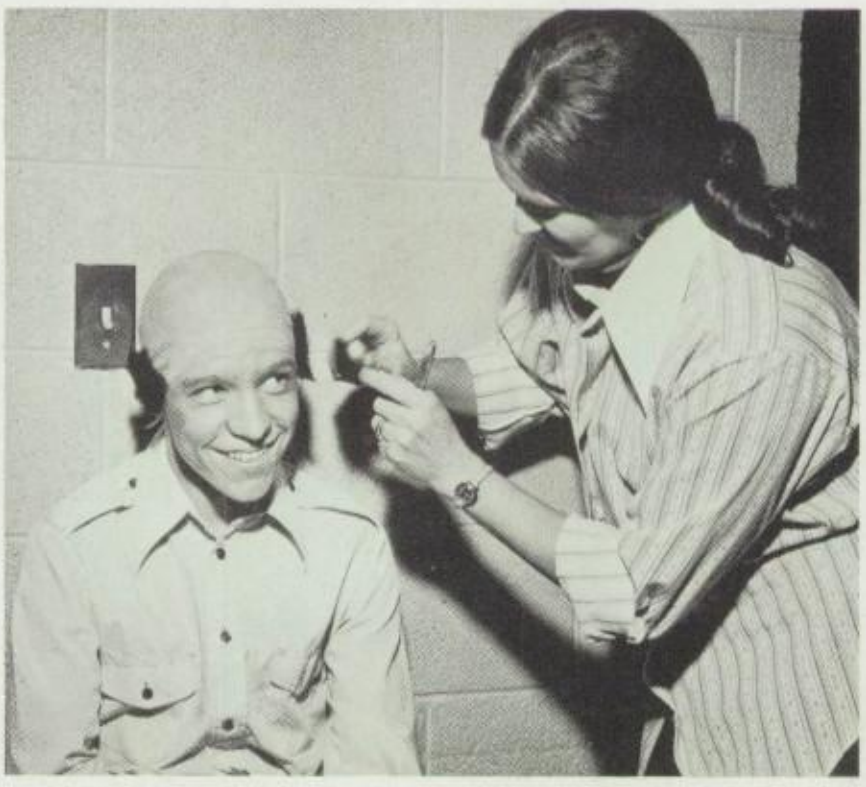

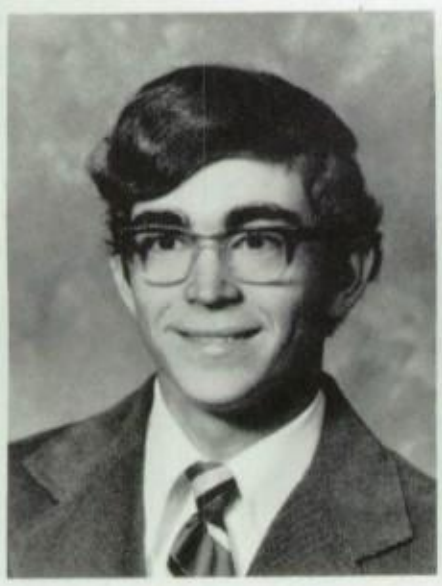

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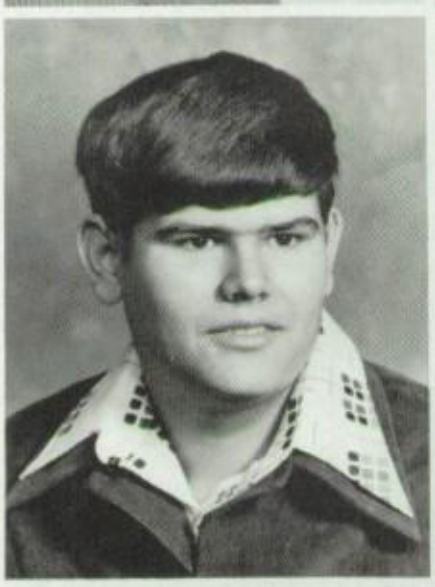

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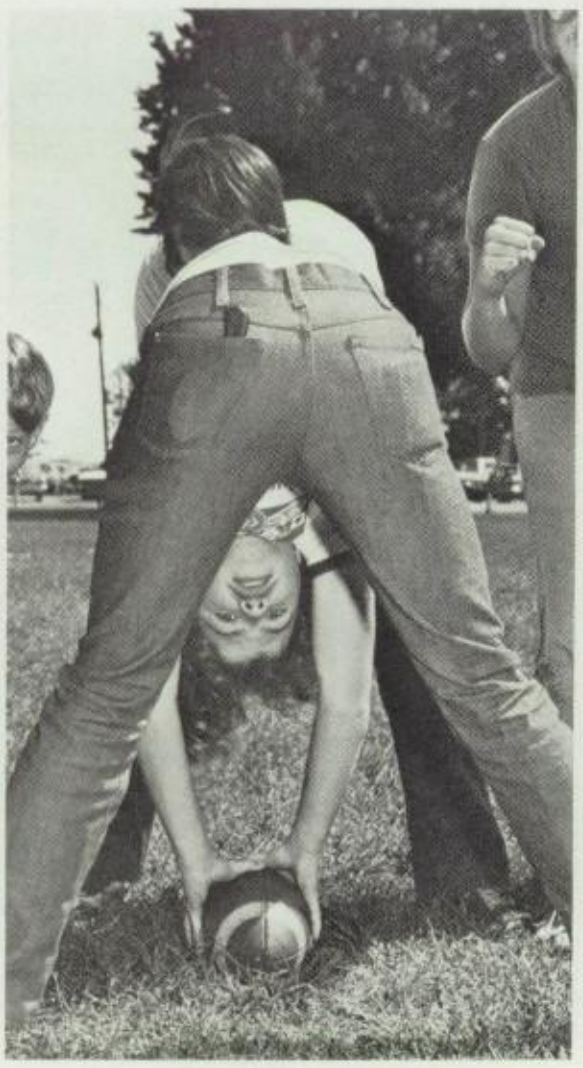

STEVE WILLENBORG
SUSAN WILLENBORG
DEBBIE WILSON
GARY WINES
SANDRA YOUNG
Sponsors: MRS. MCTEER
MR. LEATHERS
Not Pictured:
KURT MCKIBBIN
DOUG SHUEMAKER

Make way for us; here we come.
We're the future,--America's
young.
Don't criticize or mock our youth,
Just like you, we search for truth.
Hypocrisies won't get us down;
We will strike where these abound.
There's much to do; we're needed
here,
To help preserve what we hold
dear.

We'll work with others hand-in-
hand,
To try to help our fellow man.
In this land our fathers made,
We stand together unafraid.

Give us room; let us by.
The youth of America have
arrived.
There's nothing wrong that we
can't fix;
We're the Spirit of '76!!!

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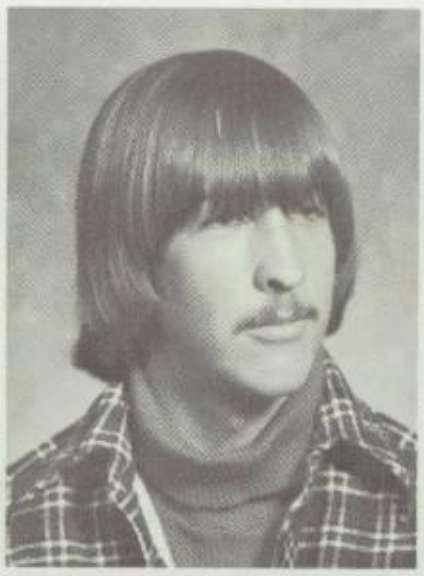

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BRIAN WHITE
DUANE WHITE

Senior Activities

JOANNIE ALBIN
FHA 1, 2; FHA officer 1, 2; Play Stage Crew 2, 3; Girls' Tennis 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2; Girls' Chorus 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Lettermen 3, 4; Class Officers 1, 2; Science Club 2, 3; Pom-Pom 2, 3; Volleyball 2, 3, 4.

AL ATTEBERRY
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 4; Pep Club 3, 4;

BETSY BAKER
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA Officer 2, 3, 4; Girls' Track 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3; Tomahawk 2, 3, 4; Tomahawk Officer 4; Student Council 4; AFS Club 3, 4; AFS Club Officer 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Messenger Staff 4; Lettermen 3, 4; Class Officers 2, 3; Homecoming Court 4; Student Secretaries 4.

RUTH BAKER
FHA 1, 2; Play Cast 3; Student Council 2; Girls' Chorus 4; Mixed Chorus 4; GAA 1, 2; GAA Officer 4; Library Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club Officer 2, 3, 4;

CYNDI BALLINGER
Student Council 3, 4; Student Council Officer 4; AFS 3; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 3; Band 1, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Messenger Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Volleyball 3, 4; Jazz Band 3; Swing Choir 3;

JULIE BALLINGER
FHA 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA Officer 3;

SHIRLEY BEALS
Girls' Chorus 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 3; GAA 2, 3, 4;

KEITH JAMES BUSHUR
Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3; Industrial Arts Club Officer 2, 3; Play Cast 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Boys' Track 2, 3; Boys' Tennis 2; Student Council 1, 4; AFS 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettermen 2, 3, 4; Class Officers 1, 4; Homecoming Court 4;

PATTI BUSHUR
FHA 1, 3; Cheerleader 1, 3; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Class Officers 4; Homecoming Court 4;

LAURA CLAYBAUGH
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Play Stage Crew 1; AFS 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 3; Messenger Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officers 4;

ANITA CLEETON
FHA 4; Play Cast 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; GAA 1, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Student Secretaries 3; Library 2;

VICKIE CORDES
FHA 4; GAA 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3;

DAVE EDWARDS
FFA 1; FFA Officer 1; Basketball 1, 2; Boys' Track 1; Cross Country 2; Mixed Chorus 1;

PHILIP FEARDAY
Play Cast 2, 3; FFA 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Basketball Manager 4; Baseball Manager 2, 3, 4; Boys' Track 1, 2; Boys' Tennis 3; AFS 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Lettermen 2, 3, 4;

DALE FOLTZ
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4;

LINDA FOSBENDER
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Secretaries 2; Library Club 1, 2, 3; Library Club Officer 3;

BOB GOODRICH
Baseball 1;

PEGGY KING GOODWIN
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LEANNE GREUEL
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NANCY HAMPTON
FHA 4; GAA 3; Library Club 2;

CHUCK HARDESTY
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JUANITA HITE
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VICKI HOEDEBECKE
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DARRYL JANES
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4;

DORIS JANSEN
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RANDY KASTL
Industrial Arts 2; play Cast 2, 3, 4; play Stage Crew 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tomahawk 1, 2, 3; Messenger Staff 2; Lettermen 4;

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KRIS LINDLEY
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Lettermen officer 3; Class Officers 2; Homecoming Court 4;

STEVE MCCLELLAN
FFA 4;

BRET MENDENHALL
Industrial Arts Club 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3; AFS Club 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Science Club 4;

DENNIS METTE
Industrial Arts Club 1; Science Club 4;

TIM O'DELL
Play Stage Crew 2, 3; Baseball 1, 3; Boys' Track 1, 2, 3; Boys' Tennis 2;

DEBRA ORSBORN
FHA 2, 3, 4; FHA Officer 4; Play Stage Crew 2, 3; Student Council 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 2; GAA 2, 3, 4; GAA Officer 4; Pep Club 3; Messenger Staff 4; Student Secretaries 4;

PENNY PATRICK
Play Cast 3, 4; AFS Club 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3;

RANDY PEADRO
Industrial Arts Club 2, 3;

CATHY RUSSELL
FHA 1, 2; Play Stage Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2; Student Council 2; GAA 1, 2, 3; GAA Officer 3; Messenger Staff 2; Student Secretaries 3; Pom Pom 3;

JANNIE RYANS KENWORTHY
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DONNA SHOOT
Play Stage Crew 4; GAA 3, 4;

JOHN SHUEMAKER
Industrial Arts Club 1, 2; FFA 3, 4; FFA Officer 3, 4;

BRYAN SKINNER
Play Cast 3, 4; Tomahawk 4; Tomahawk Copy Editor 4; AFS Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Band 3, 4; Messenger Staff 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4;

KAREN SPENCER
Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Student Secretaries 3, 4; Teachers' Secretaries 4; ICCE 4;

PENNY STEPHENS
Play Cast 2, 3, 4; Girls' Track 3, 4; AFS Club 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA Officer 4; Pep Club 3; Class Officers 3; Student Librarian 2; Pom Pom 3;

JULIA STEWART
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PAT WALK
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RANDY WALK
Industrial Arts Club 1, FFA 2, 3, 4; FFA Officer 3, 4;

MARILYN WARNER
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3; Tomahawk 1, 2, 3, 4; Tomahawk Asst. Editor and Editor 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3; Student Secretaries 1, 2, 3, 4; Teachers' Secretaries 1, 2, 3, 4;

GWEN WARREN
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; AFS 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4;

CHRIS WESTJOHN
Industrial Arts Club 1, 2; FHA 4; Basketball Manager 4; Messenger Staff 3;

BRIAN WHITE
Basketball 3; Baseball 3, 4; Boys' Track 2, 3; Boys' Tennis 2, 4;

DUANE WHITE
Tomahawk 1, 2, 3;

STEVE WILLENBORG
Industrial Arts Club 2; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Officer 3, 4; Band 1, 2;

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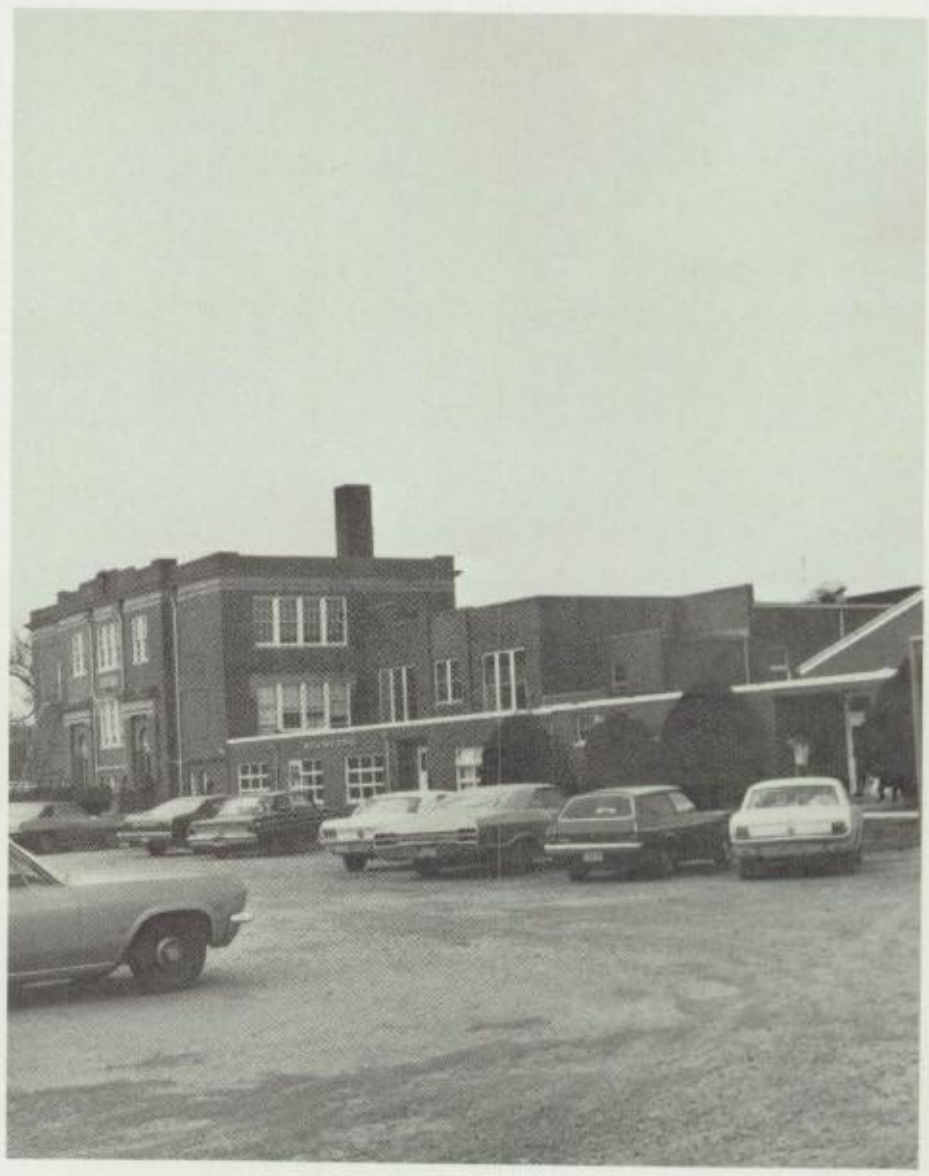
Play Stage Crew 4; Girls' Track 3; Band 1; GAA 3, 4; GAA Officer 4;



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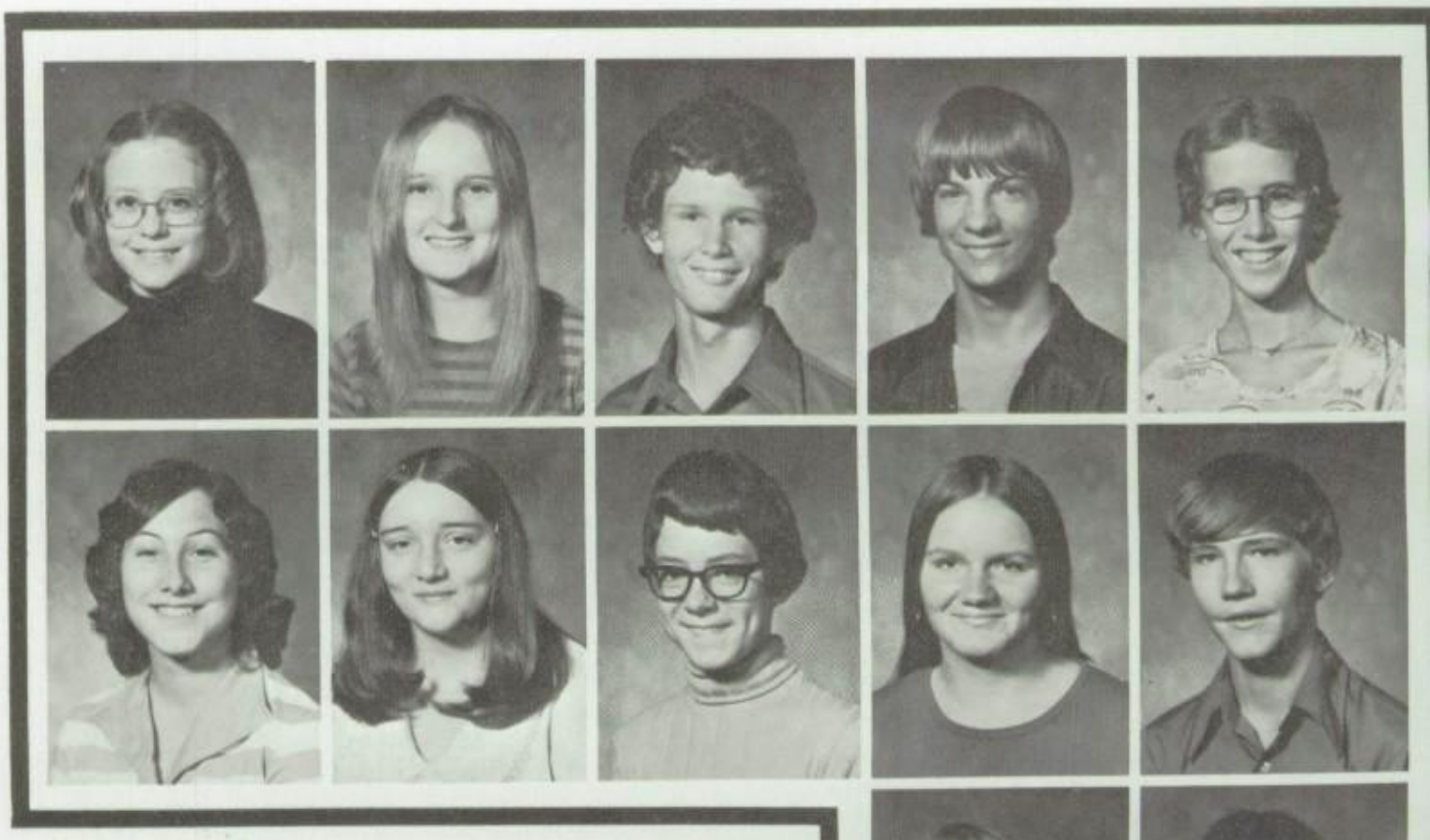
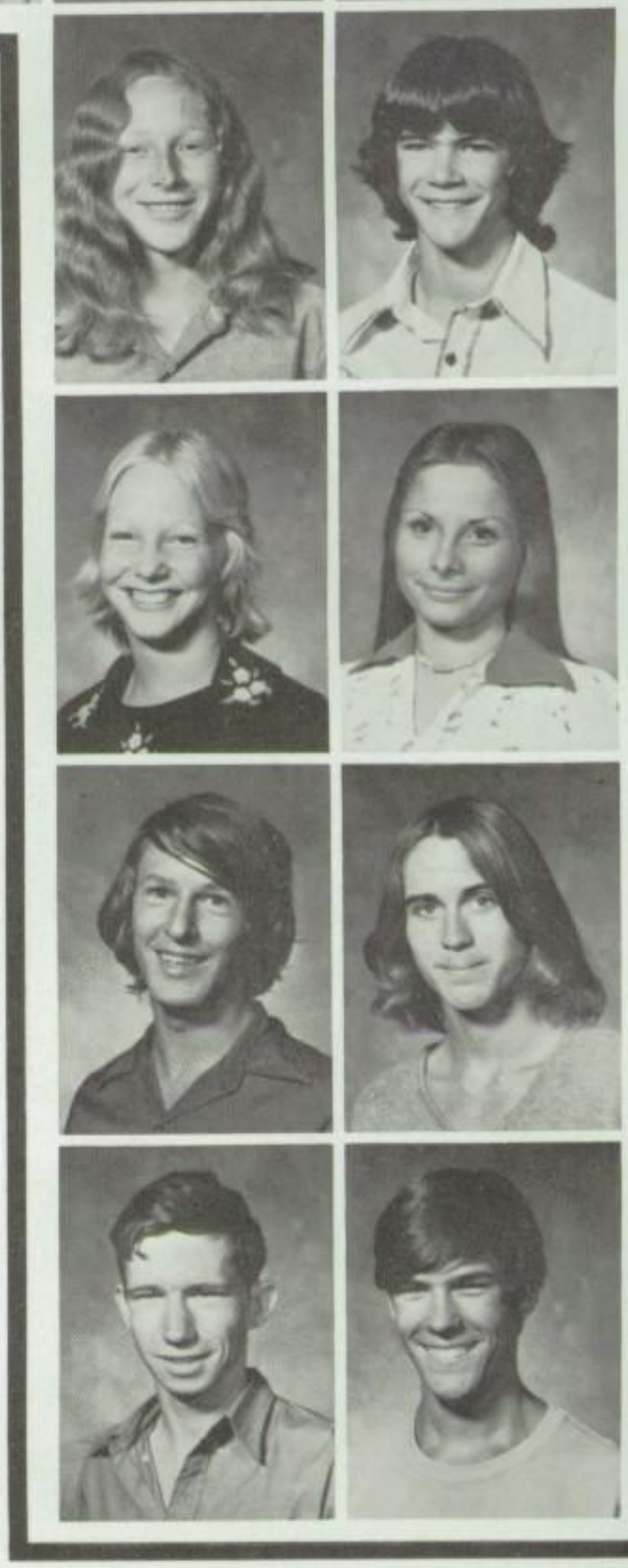


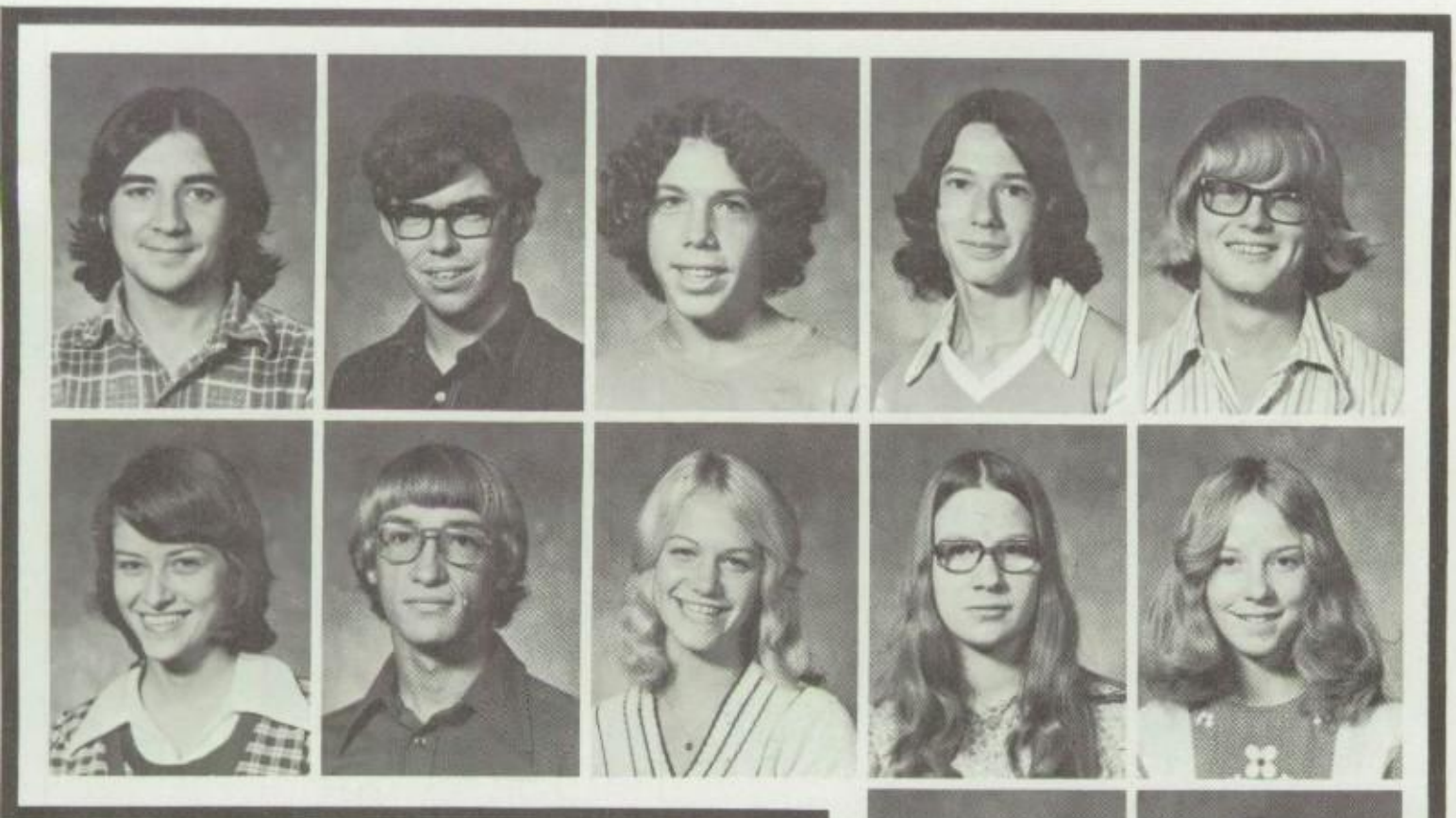
Juniors — Keep On Truckin'

We must prepare ourselves for the future; for without this preparation in the early stages, there will be no future. Nothing ever stays the same; to survive, we shall adjust to change.

By doing this we follow our motto: It's Not So Much Where We Are, But In Which Direction We Are Heading. The Bicentennial Juniors of 1976 hope to make our world better for the next 200 years.



CLASS OFFICERS: Paula Bushur, Student Council; Gerry Jansen, Vice President; Cindy Andrews, President; Rich Kollman, Student Council; Julie Hoene, Secretary; and (not shown) Dave Walk, Treasurer.



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Dale Evans
Randy Evans

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Cathy Geiling
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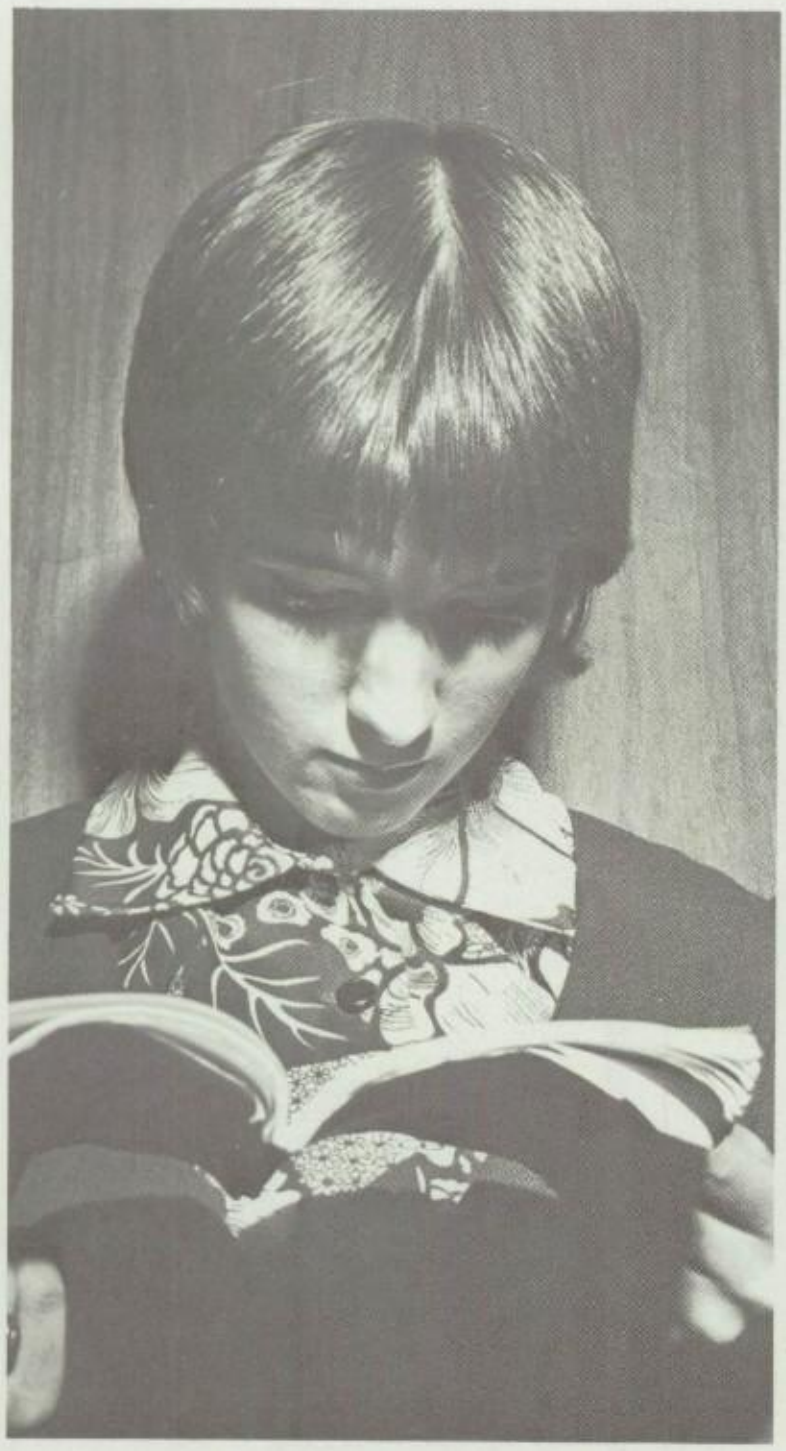

Cindy Whitaker concentrated deeply to memorize her lines for the school play.

Jim Jackson
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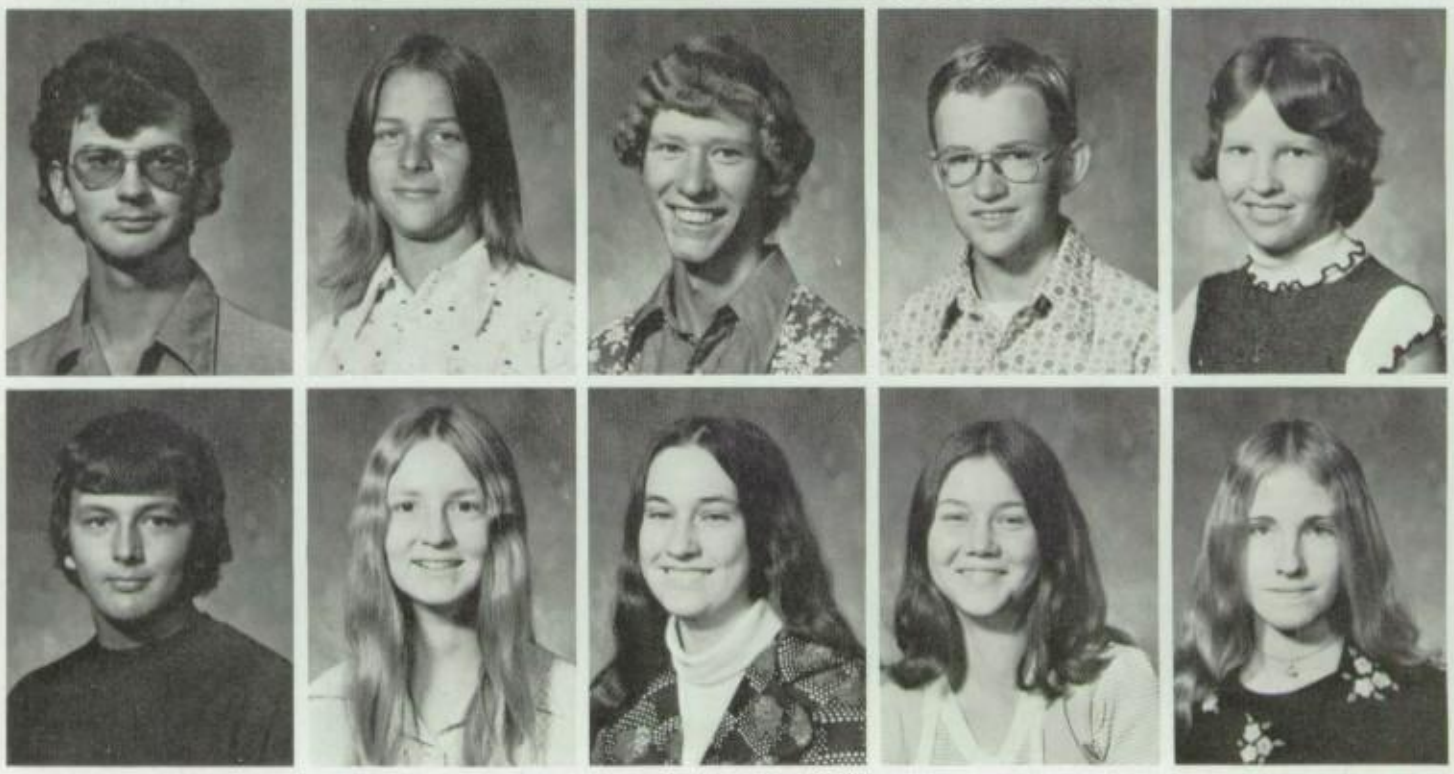

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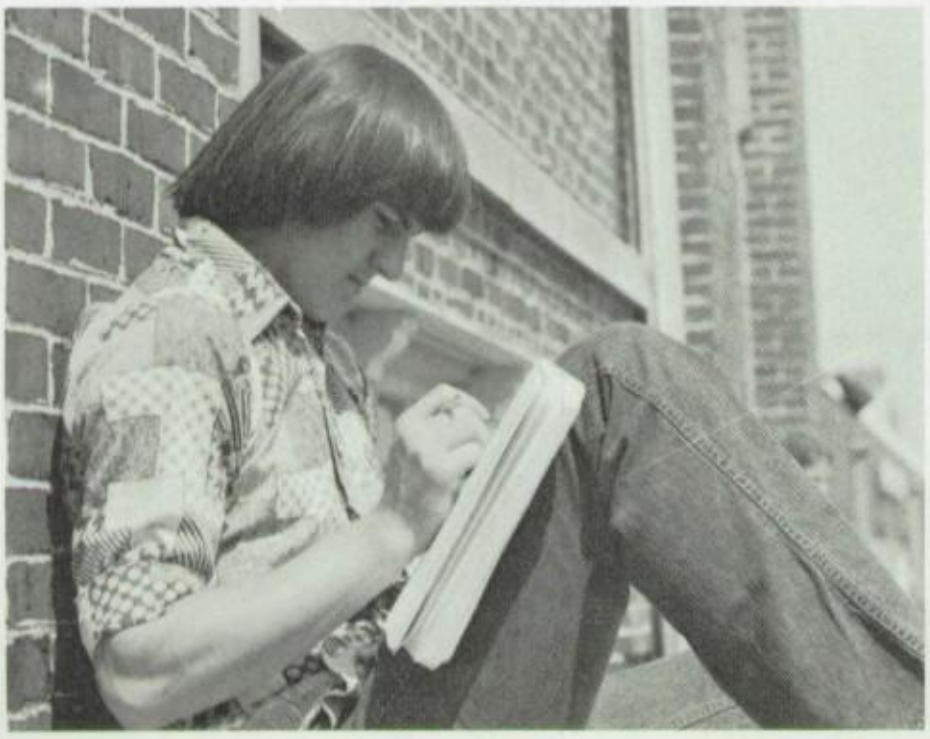
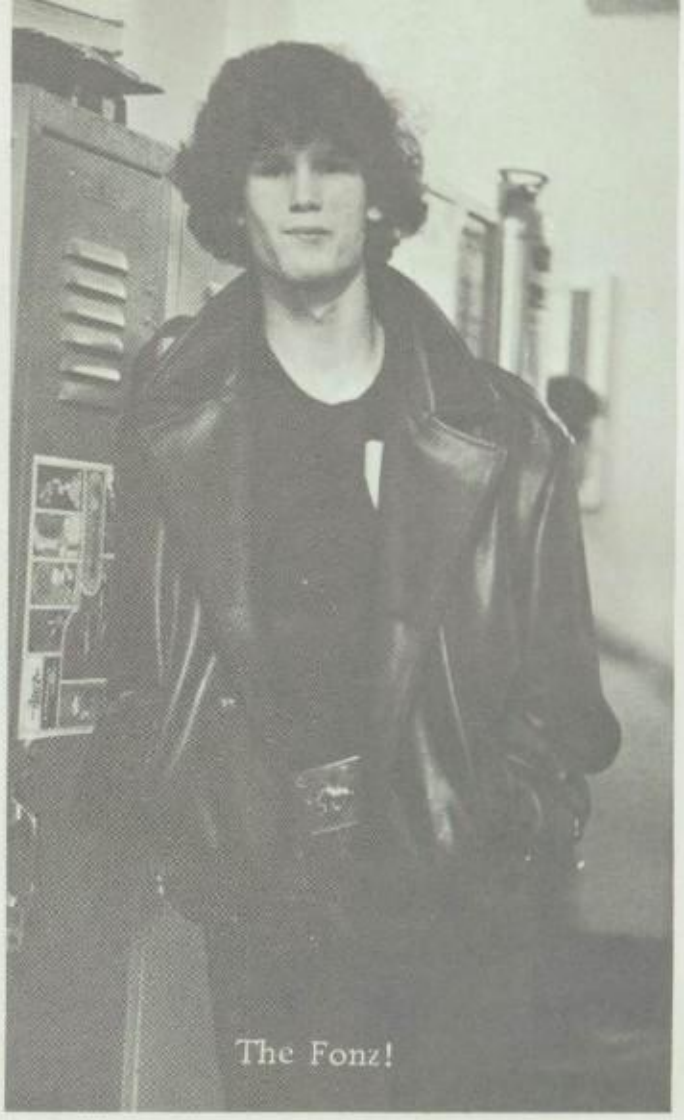


ABOVE: David Walk knows how to stay on Honors.
RIGHT: The Three Muskateers? Lloyd Haskett, Earl Smith, and Steve Figgins.

Juniors at work?



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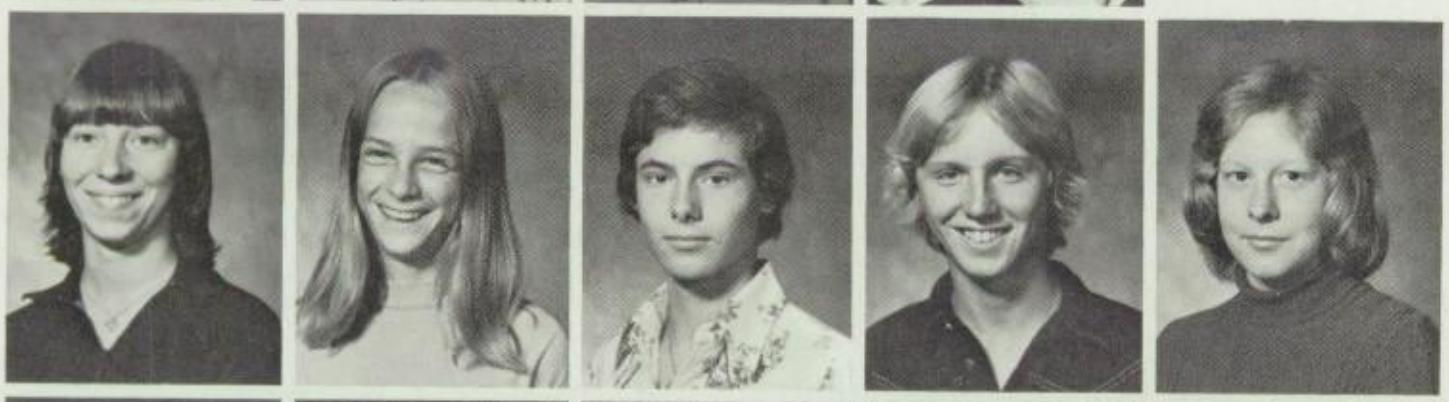

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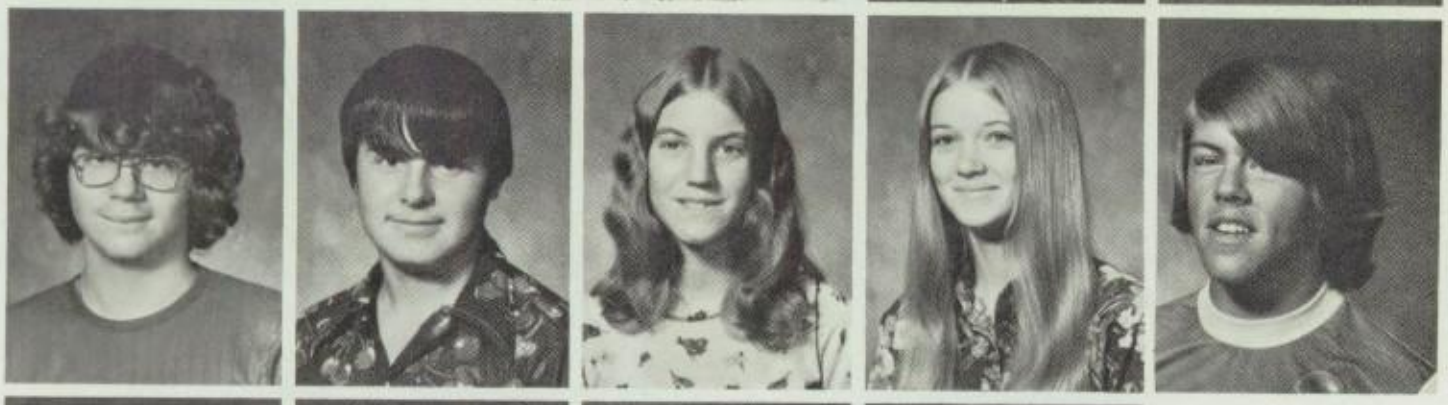

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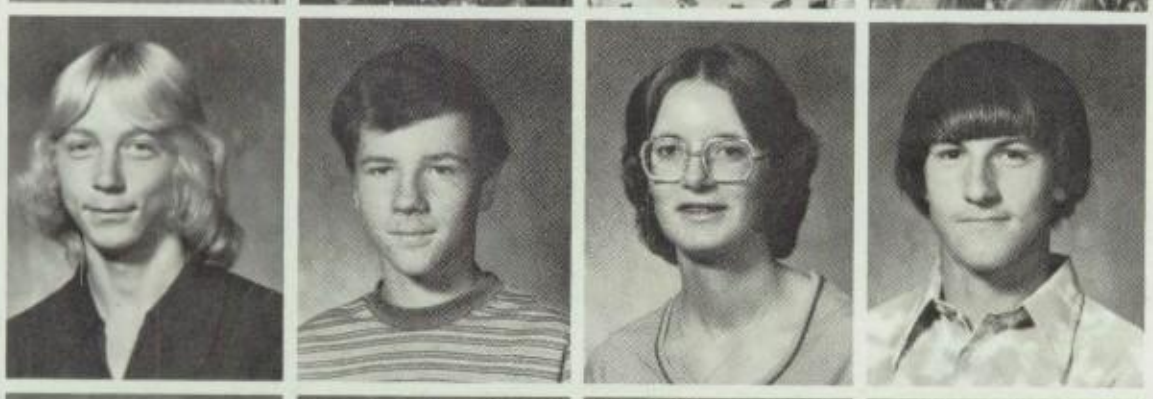

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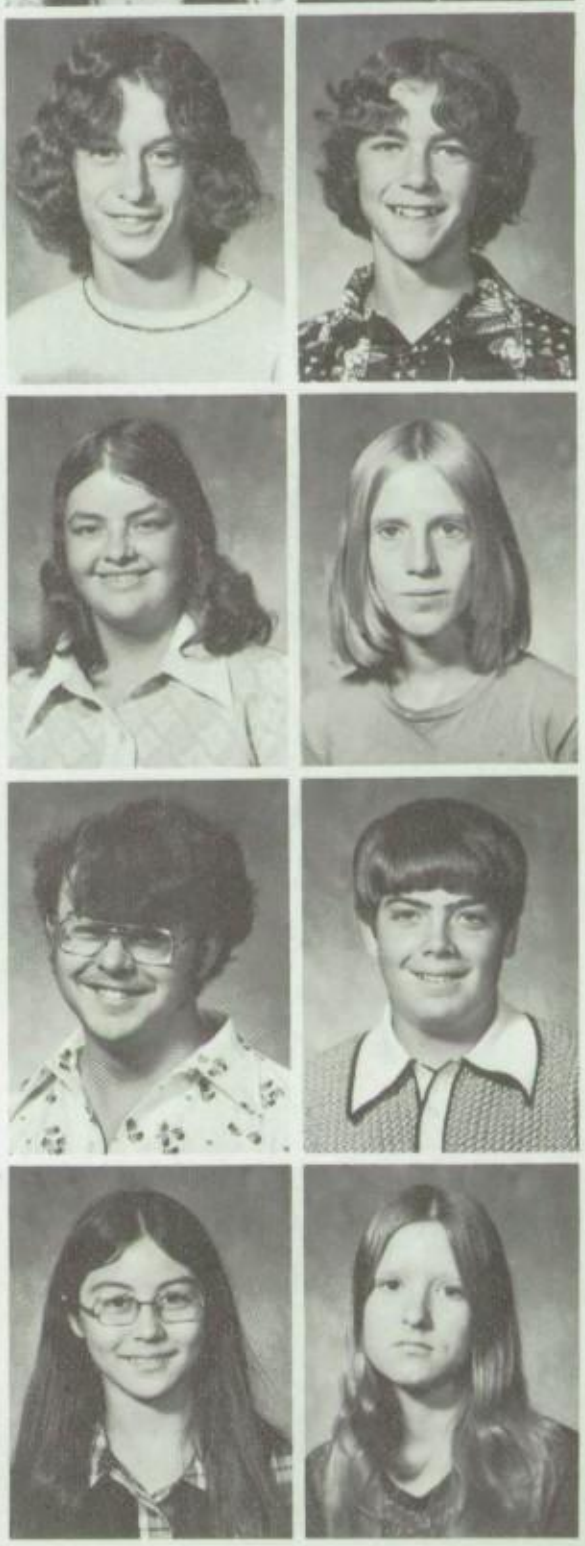
With The Ropes Of The Past We Will Ring The Bells Of The Future



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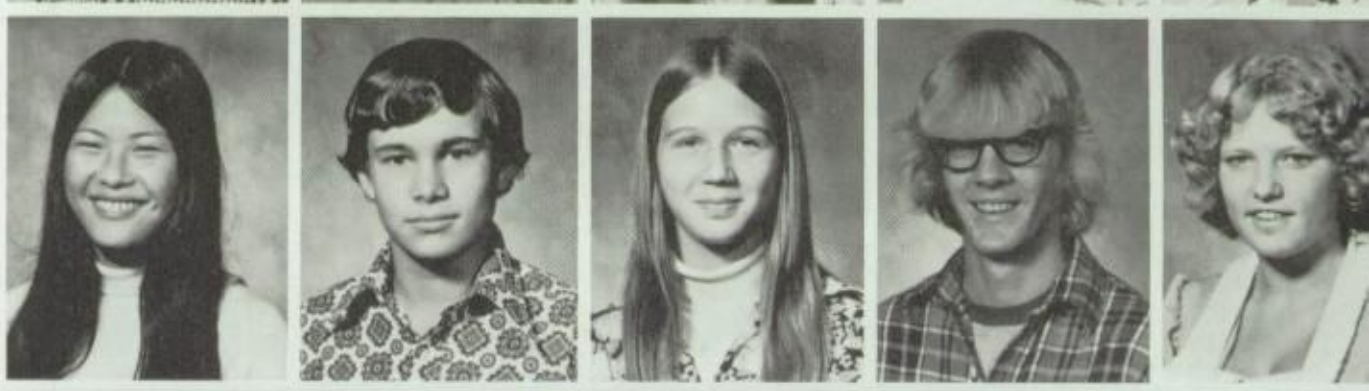

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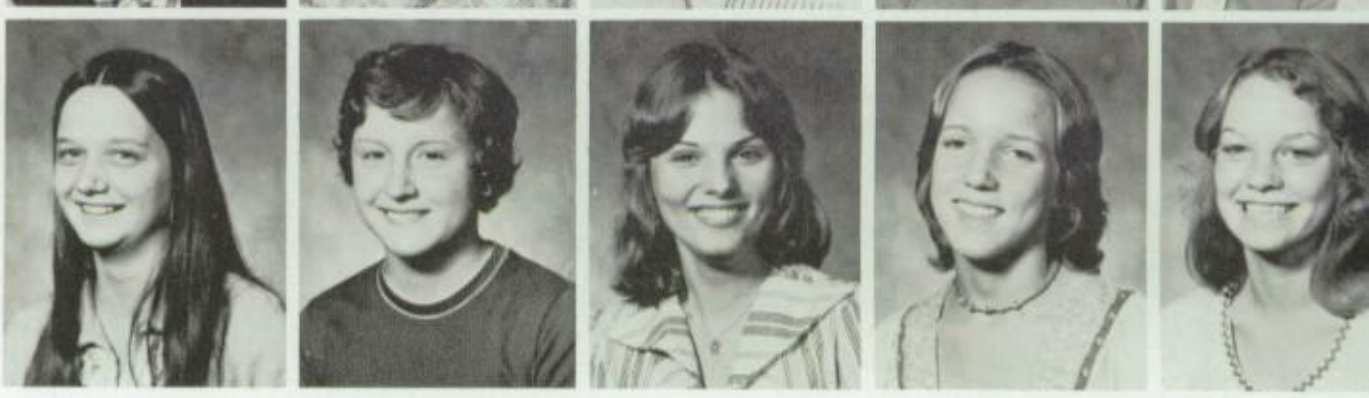

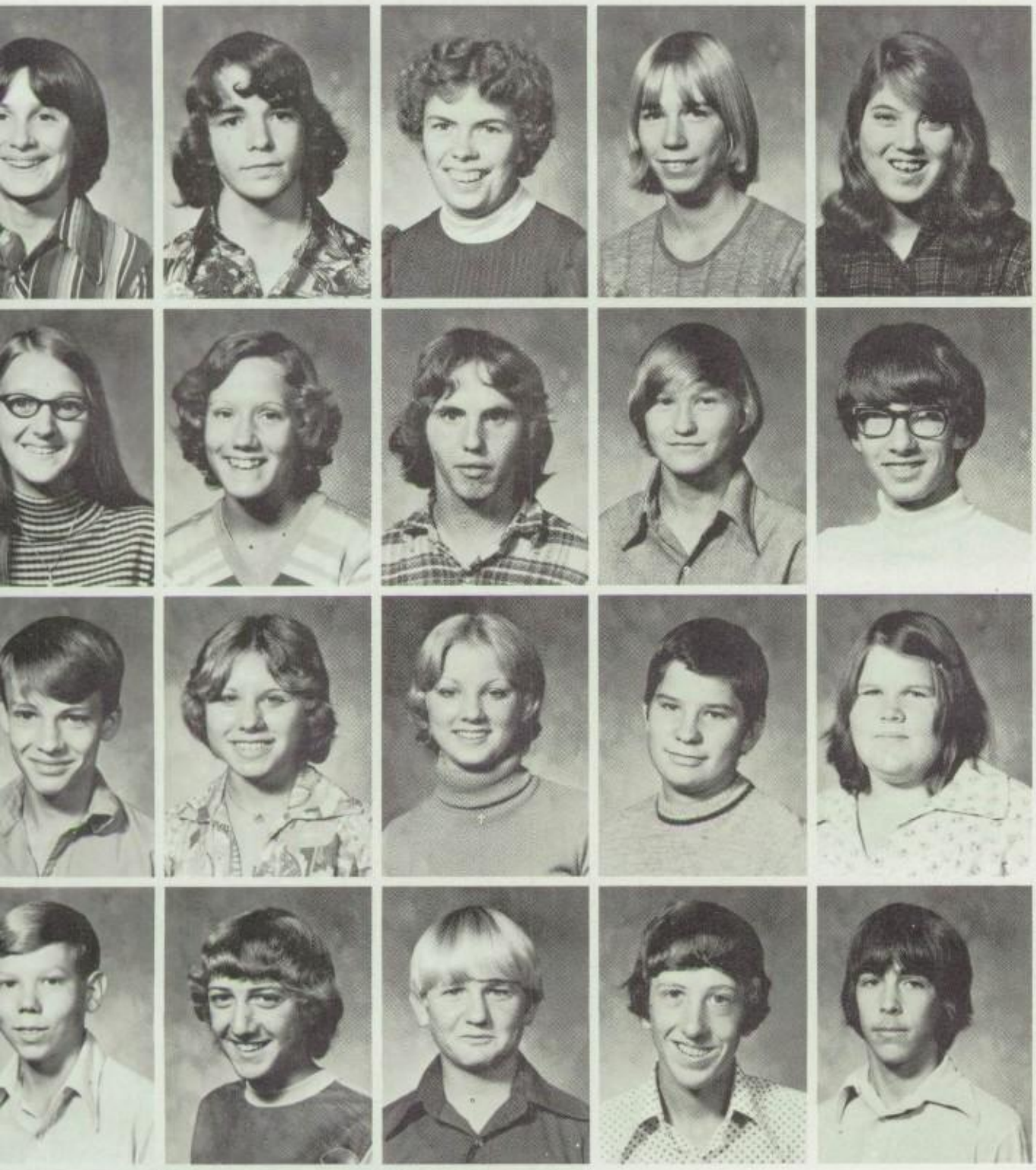

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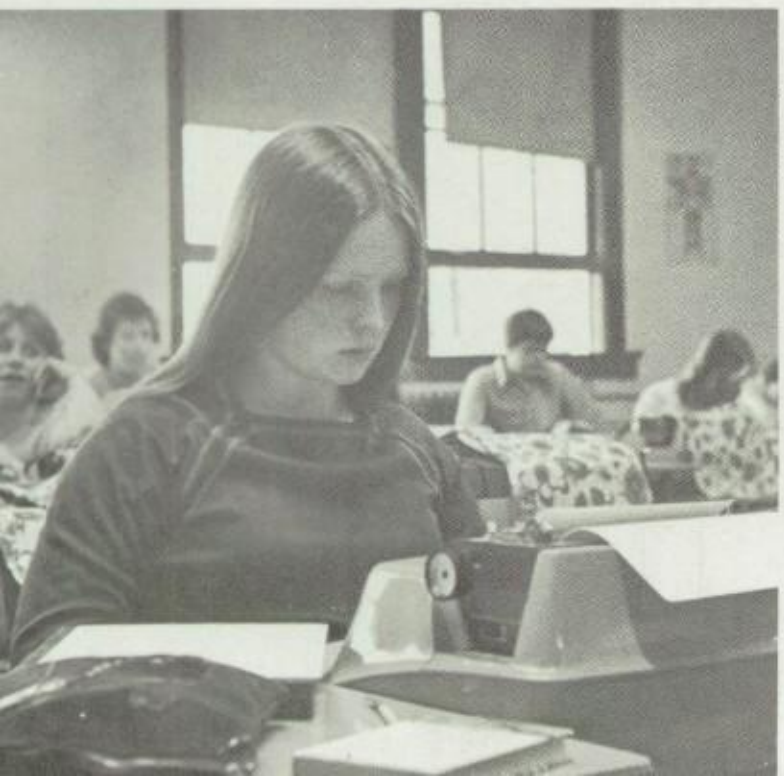


The Bicentennial year of '76 has been a great year to remember. Along with the memory of our bicentennial, we sophomores have had a profitable and enjoyable year. The bicentennial year has been a very busy year for our nation, but we sophomores have had a busy year also. From sock-hops to class rings, we are very happy to have learned so much in two years.

Sophomore class projects for this year included a ham raffle, bake sales, and of course the sock-hops. Class rings also were a memorable part of our second year. Class dues were $1.50 for the year, and so with the combined success of our projects, we look forward to a successful junior year.

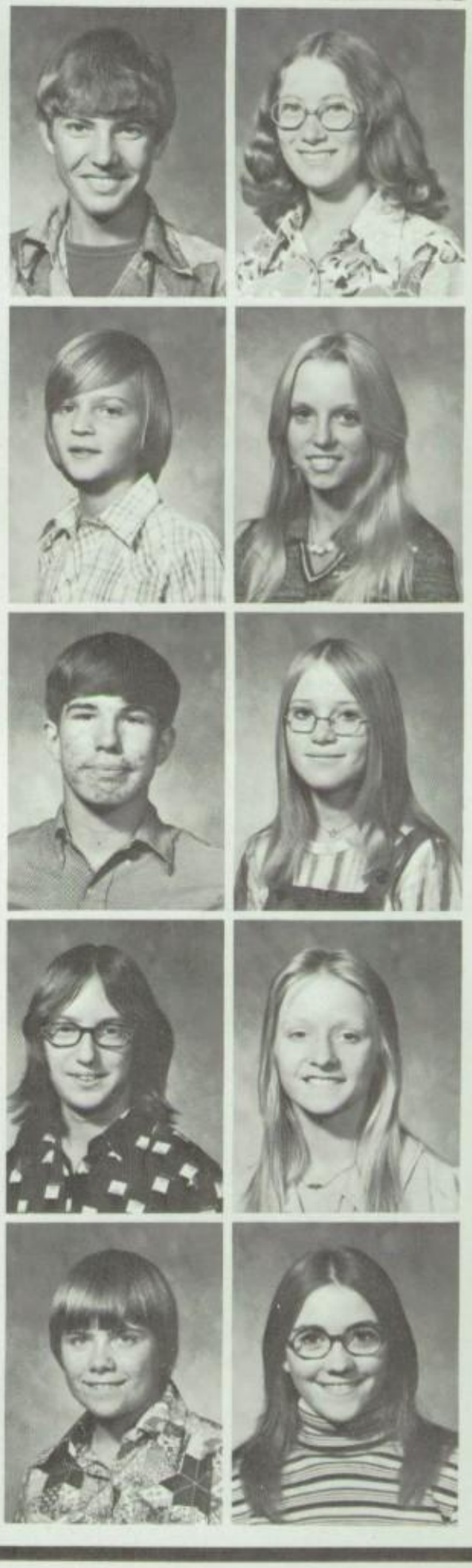
Sophomore class officers for the year were: Ginger Walk, president; Debbie Shuemaker, vice president; and Andrea Walk, secretary-treasurer. Our student council representatives were Julie Krueger and Chuch Whitaker.

Class sponsors were Mr. John Luallen and Mrs. Phoebe Church who helped make our sophomore year so interesting.

As our 200th birthday draws near, we, the class of '78, with the ropes of the past, will ring the bells of the future.

Not There Yet, But Still Climbing

This year's freshmen displayed teamwork and togetherness. With the help of Mrs. Biggs and Mr. Stortzum, the class sold the most tickets for the donkey basketball game and won homecoming week contests. The class chose Mark Tipsword, president; Scott Rankin, vice-president; Russell Kollman, secretary-treasurer; and Cindy Osborn and Tim Zahrn, student council representatives.



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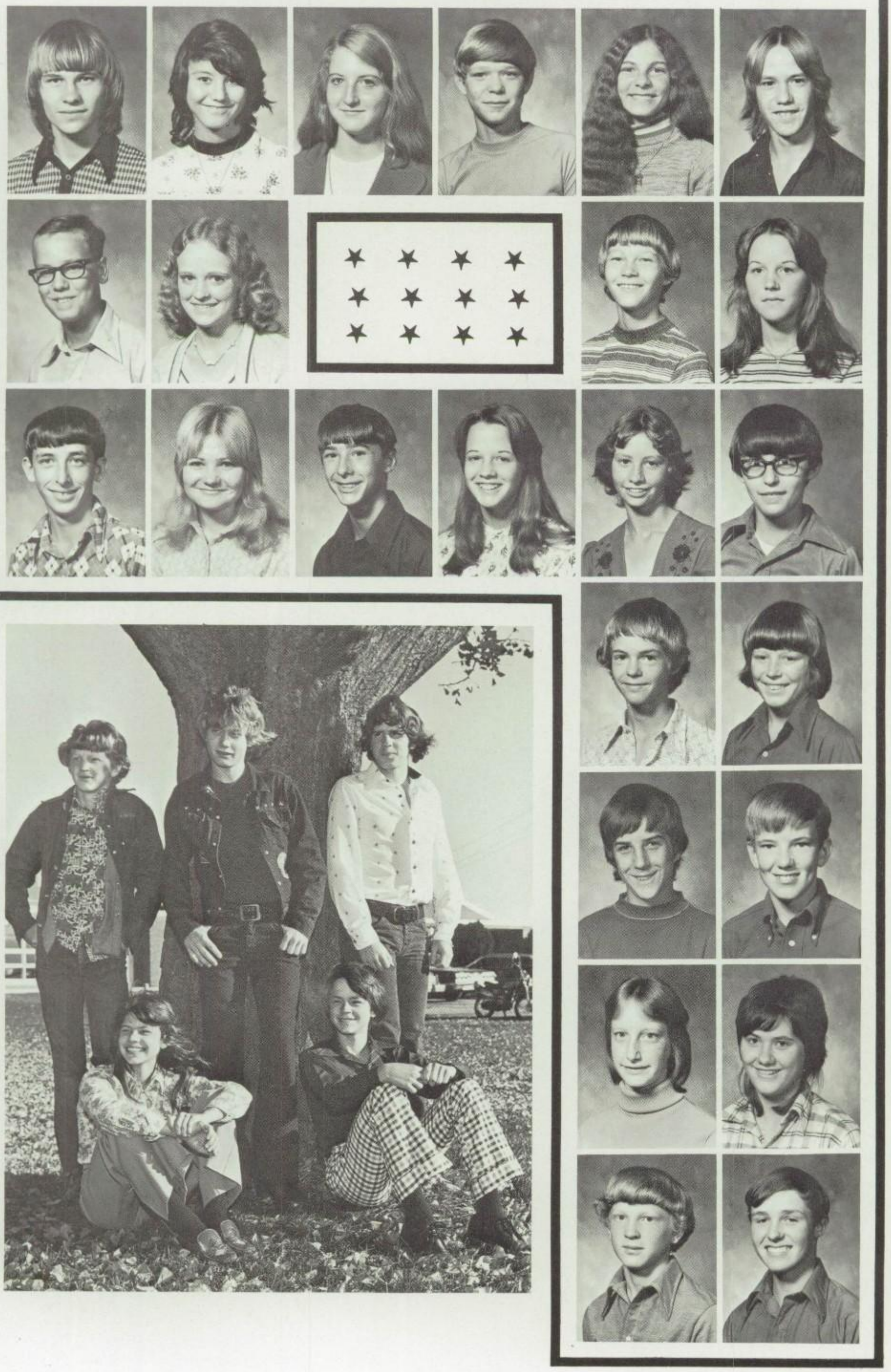

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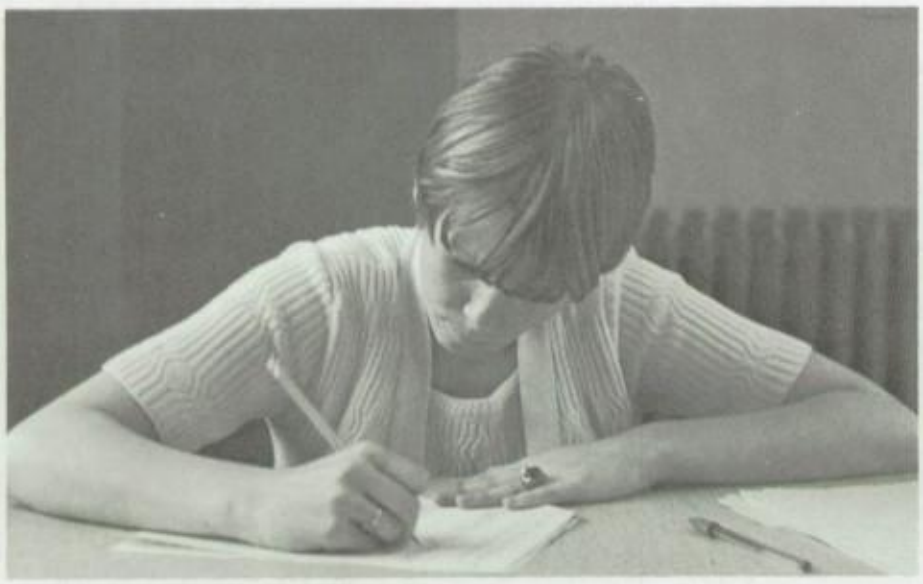

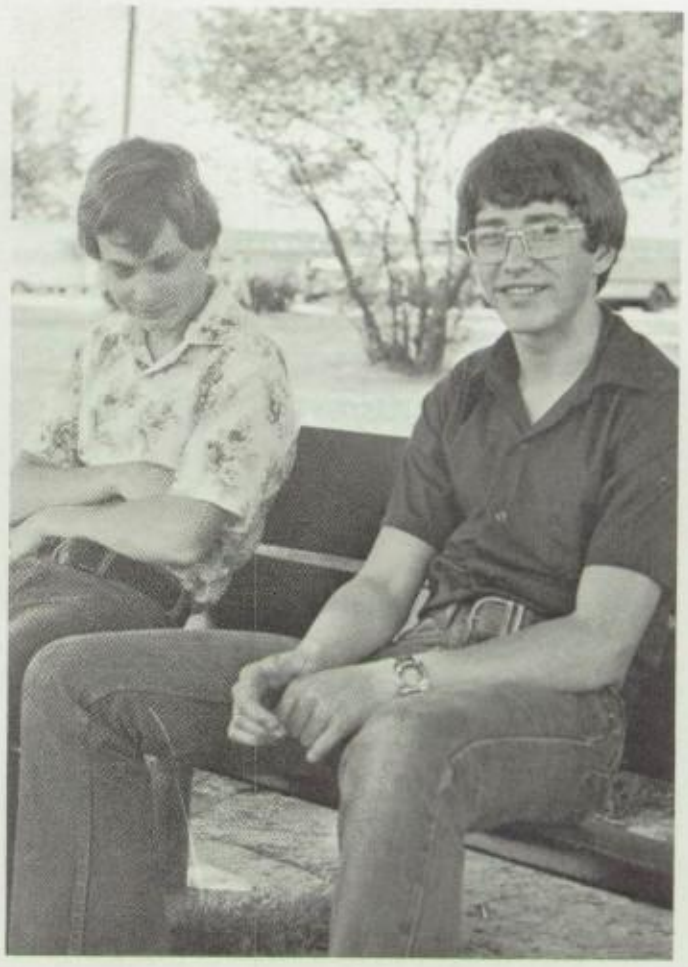

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ATHLETICS

Athletics at Neoga High School dates back to the early 1900's. During this time, athletics was considered to be a club and officers were elected. All of the pictures on this page, taken from the 1914 yearbook, consist of the total sports being offered at that time.

Track was the big sport at Neoga in 1913-14. In 1913 Neoga won the Tri-County Meet held at Greenup. At the time the 1914 yearbook was published the track season was not yet completed but the popular opinion seemed to be one of optimism towards the success of the team. It was also thought that Neoga would be represented at the Eastern Illinois High School Meet, held at Charleston.

The girls had a basketball team that year. The girls played only two games that first season and ended with an even record of 1-1. The first game was held at St. Elmo and the girls won a close game playing with boys' rules, with a score of 14-12. The last game was played at Charleston using the unfamiliar womens' rules and lost 9-3.

The boy's basketball team consisted of seven members. They were hampered by a small gymnasium and a lack of equipment, but managed to wind up the season with a 12-6 record and fourth place in the Eastern Illinois State Basketball Tournament.

Frosh-Soph Great Season 8-1

The Frosh.-Soph. Indians started the season with welcome victories, first with Windsor, then Stew-Stras, St. Anthony, and Altamont racking up eight wins by the end of the season. The loss came at T-Town's home diamond. We are expecting a winning team next year from this fine ball club.

PICTURED BELOW, KNEELING: Phil Fearday, Steve Maroon, Kevin Pruemer, Bud Janes, Randy Rentfro, Bob Coy. STANDING: Larry Bahney, David Hoedebecke, Scott Hoedebecke, Tim Zahrn, Tom Livingston, Scott Swengel, Gregg Daily, Mark Hatten, Bill Albin, David Ballinger, Jim Miltenberger, Andy White and Coach Powell.

OPP.		N. H. S.
6	Windsor	8
6	Stew - Stras	7
4	St. Anthony	9
3	Altamont	5
4	Windsor	17
2	Stew - Stras	9
4	T - Town	3
5	St. Anthony	10
3	T - Town	8

Varsity Winning In The End

The Varsity started the season with a loss, but the young ball club showed alot of improvement toward the end of the season. Most of these boys will be back next year showing us alot of improvement and success.

VARSITY, KNEELING: Phil Fearday, Russ Kollman, Randy Kastl, Brian White, David Baker, David Kastl, Gary Horath, Rich Kollman, Coach Powell. STANDING: Coach McTeer, Scott Swengel, Scott Hoedebecke, Bill Albin, Kris Lindley, Gregg Daily, Steve Massengill, David Walk, Tom Livingston, Steve Maroon.

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12	Windsor	3
3	Cowden	2
4	Brownstown	14
3	St. Anthony	1
3	Beecher City	4

Neoga Tips EHS In Girls Tennis

Effingham high school's girls tennis team lost two of three doubles matches and bowed to Neoga, 5-4 in a match Thursday afternoon at Hendelmeyer Park.

The loss gave Effingham a final 4-7 record in daul competition.

Saturday the Heart girls will be competing in the Olney district. Linda Lewis and Lori Waldorf will compete in singles with the doubles teams of Linda Green-Susan Stoecker and Brenda Heuerman-Cathy Snapp also in competition.

Effingham got singles wins from Linda Green, Waldorf, and Candy Woodward and finished that phase of play with a 3-3 mark against Neoga. However, the visitors won the top two doubles matches to gain the narrow victory.

RESULTS

Neoga 5, Effingham 4

Singles

Green (E) defeated Krueger (N), 8-2

Swengel (N) defeated Lewis (E), 9-7

Short (N) defeated Moore (E), 8-5

Waldorf (E) defeated Stewart (N), 9-7

Albin (N) defeated Bush (E), 8-5

Woodward (E) defeated Ryans (N), 8-0

Doubles

Krueger-Albin (N) defeated Green-Stoecker (E), 8-5

Swengel-Short (N) defeated Heuerman-Snapp (E), 8-4

C. Baker-S. Baker (E) defeated Coy-Zimmer (N), 8-1

Tennis Anthony

Raney; Cinda Swengel, 6-3 over Sue Burford; Mary Short, 6-3 over Sue Esker; and Jeannie Albin, 7-5 over Terri Green.

Neoga was also victories in the three doubles matches. Krueger-Albin defeated Raney-Burford, 6-1; Swengel-Short defeated Dust-Esker, 6-0; and Ryans-Stewart downed Mindy

St. A. Netters Lose

NEOGA, Ill. (Special) — Effingham St. Anthony high school's girls tennis team won a singles and a doubles match here Wednesday afternoon, but it wasn't nearly enough as Neoga defeated the Bulldog girls, 7-2.

The defeat dropped St. Anthony to 1-5 on the season and extended its losing streak to three straight. St. Anthony will play at Flora next Wednesday for its next action.

St. Anthony's Teri Green won No. 5 singles, beating Jannie Ryans, 8-3 and the Bulldogs' No. 3 Poyn defeat the oth Neog Julie Raney Neoga St. Ant In No. Marile Joanni Esker defeat 6 singl The topped Dust, Ryan-Stewart downed Carrie Dietzen-Esker, 8-0 in No. 2 doubles.

Girls Tennis Team Loses To Neoga

The Shelbyville High School girls tennis team dropped a close match to Neoga on the unfamiliar surface courts in that town Wednesday night. The match score was 5-4, Neoga.

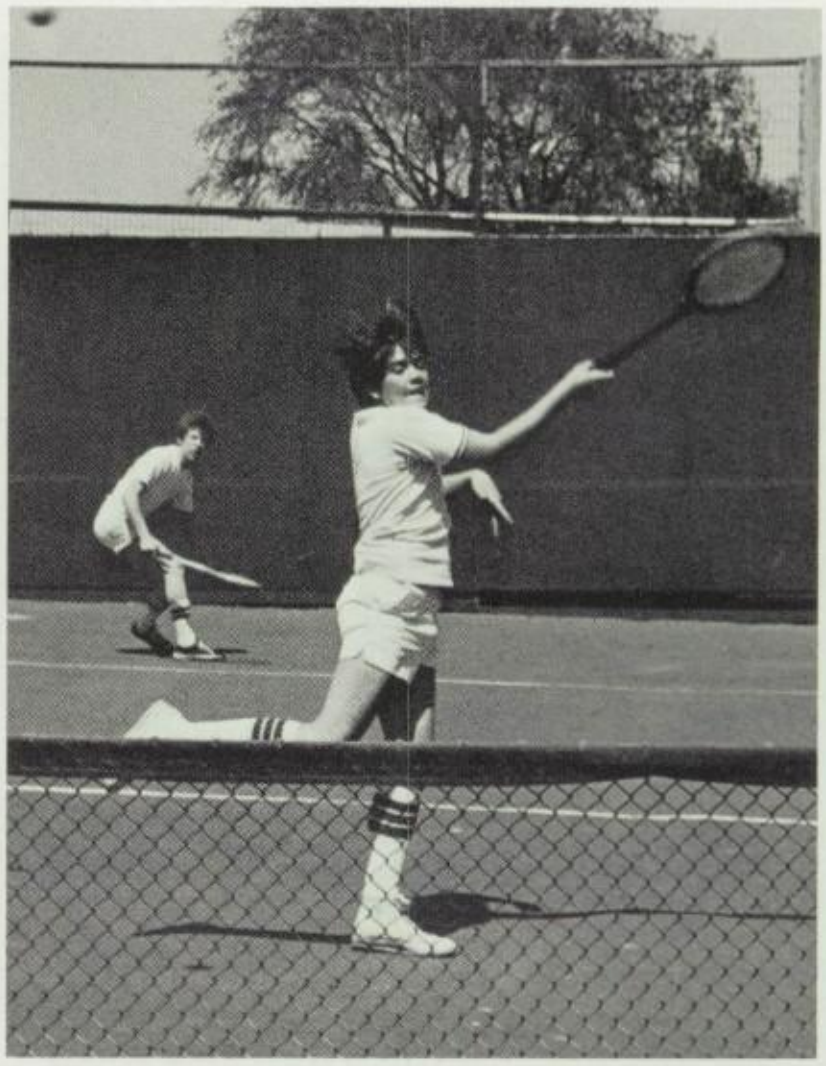
Wendy Smith, a Shelbyville junior, racked up her second win of the season by beating Short, a Neoga sophomore, 10-7.

Jo Hayes captured the second win of the evening in a 10-3 walkaway match over a Neoga senior and Lauri Gorlaski, unbeaten so far this year, chalked up her third win over a Neoga sophomore, 10-4.

Becki Keown and Brenda Nardi won their first doubles match of the season, 10-3, over Neoga's Cox and Zimmer. Goralski and Vicki Phelps lost a close doubles match to Kreuger and Albion, 8-10; and Sandy Davin and Barbara Watts dropped their match to Short and Swengel, 5-10.

In other singles play, Junior Karen Ramsey, moved to the number one slot this week, lost to Krueger, a Neoga sophomore, 4- a 9- ior. eek, to ot a rst that nce inst ' Ten- Coach ving a know H.S.A. over sports in Neoga is REAL! Volleyball is next and do try to come out and view a contest or two. They will welcome your interest and support!

Credit the Daily News with the articles.



Tennis, Anyone?

SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Joe Marting; assistant coach, Kris Lindley, Scott Posey; coach. SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bill Albin, Dan Bullock, Andy White, Gregg Daily, Brian White, Bob Coy.

OPPONENT		N. H. S.			
Newton	5	4	T-Town	8	1
Altamont	4	1	Shelbyville	6	3
Casey	6	3	Shelbyville	2	4
Pana	7	2	Robinson	5	1
Pana	7	2	Decatur-Lakeview	8	1
T-Town	8	1	Newton	7	2

Successful 75-76 Season

The volleyball team, with only two seniors, finished with a 9-11 record. The J. V. completed the season with a 8-6 record. The underclassmen gained experience for the 76-77 season. Five of the starting six will return next season and some will be attending volleyball camps this summer. The girls should have a beneficial 76-77 season.

J. V.; KNEELING: Jackie Hatten, Debbie Shuemaker, Cindy Osborn, Shannon Tabbert, Kerry Walters, Jenny Jansen, CENTER: Coach Terry Biggs. STANDING: Clarice Jansen, Cindy Ballinger, Ruth Kollmann, Manager Deb Mehl, Debbie Ballinger, Karen Reed, Lori Walk, Patti Hardesty, Melinda Hatten, Brenda Coy.

Varsity; KNEELING: Ginger Walk, Cinda Swengel, Cindy Whitaker. CENTER: Coach Terry Biggs. LEFT TO RIGHT: Julie Krueger, Vicki Hoedebecke, Lisa Stewart, Joannie Albin, Andrea Walk, Mary Short, Rhonda Sanders.

Girls' Track

This is the second year for girls' track at N. H. S., and this year the girls had a good season under their new coach, Mrs. Terri Biggs. They practiced hard and a lot of improvement was shown over last year.

Neoga got fourth in the Conference meet in which seven teams participated, and set three new records. Also, for the first time the girls team had a participant in the State meet, Cindy Osborn, who qualified in the 440 yard dash by placing second in the district meet held at Olney.

Members of the 1975-76 girls' track team: FIRST ROW, Coach Terri Biggs, Karen Hewing, Tina Miller, Penny Stephens, Julie Stewart, Cindy Whitaker. SECOND ROW, Tammy Parker, Terri Parker, Cindy Osborn, Dianne Bartholomew, Lisa Stewart, Debbie Ballinger, Betsy Baker, Cinda Swengel.

Penny Stephens wins the high jump at Altamont.

Cindy Osborn, our State qualifier.

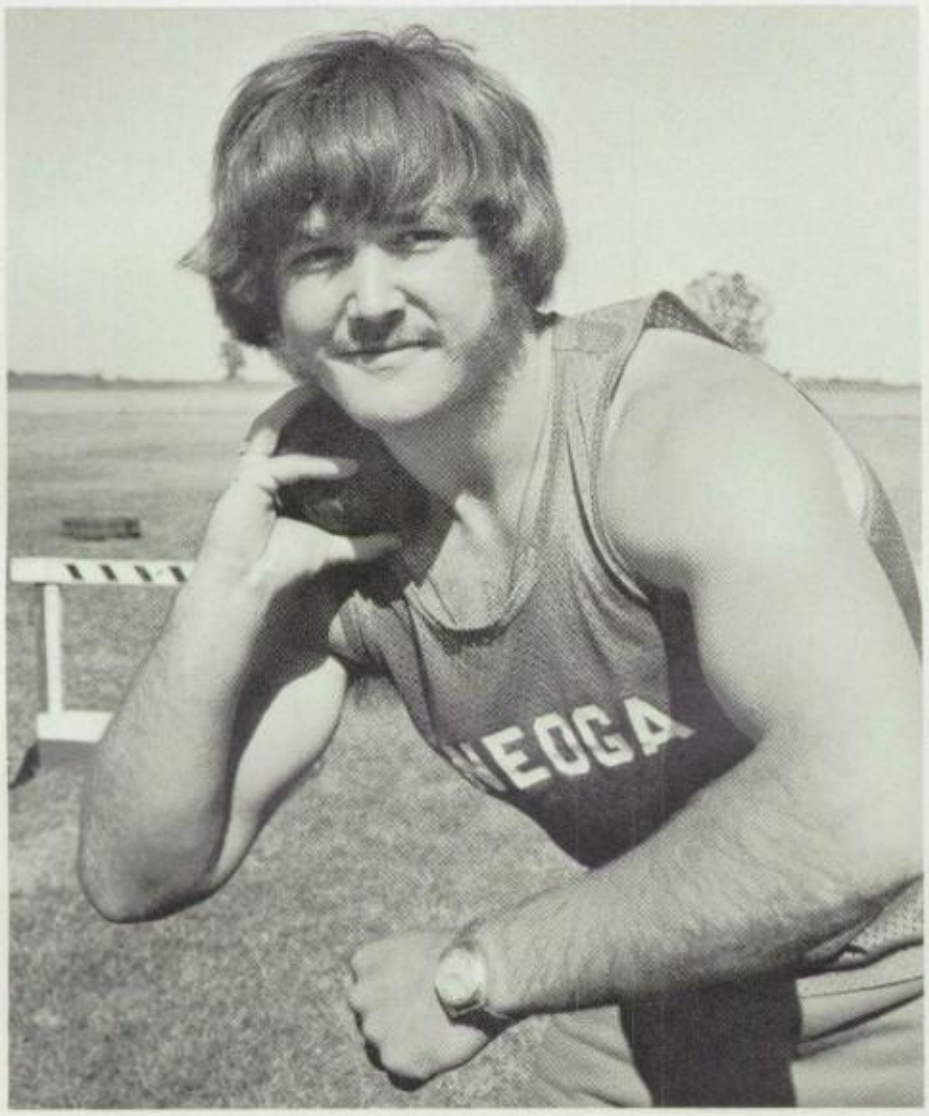
Track And Cross Country

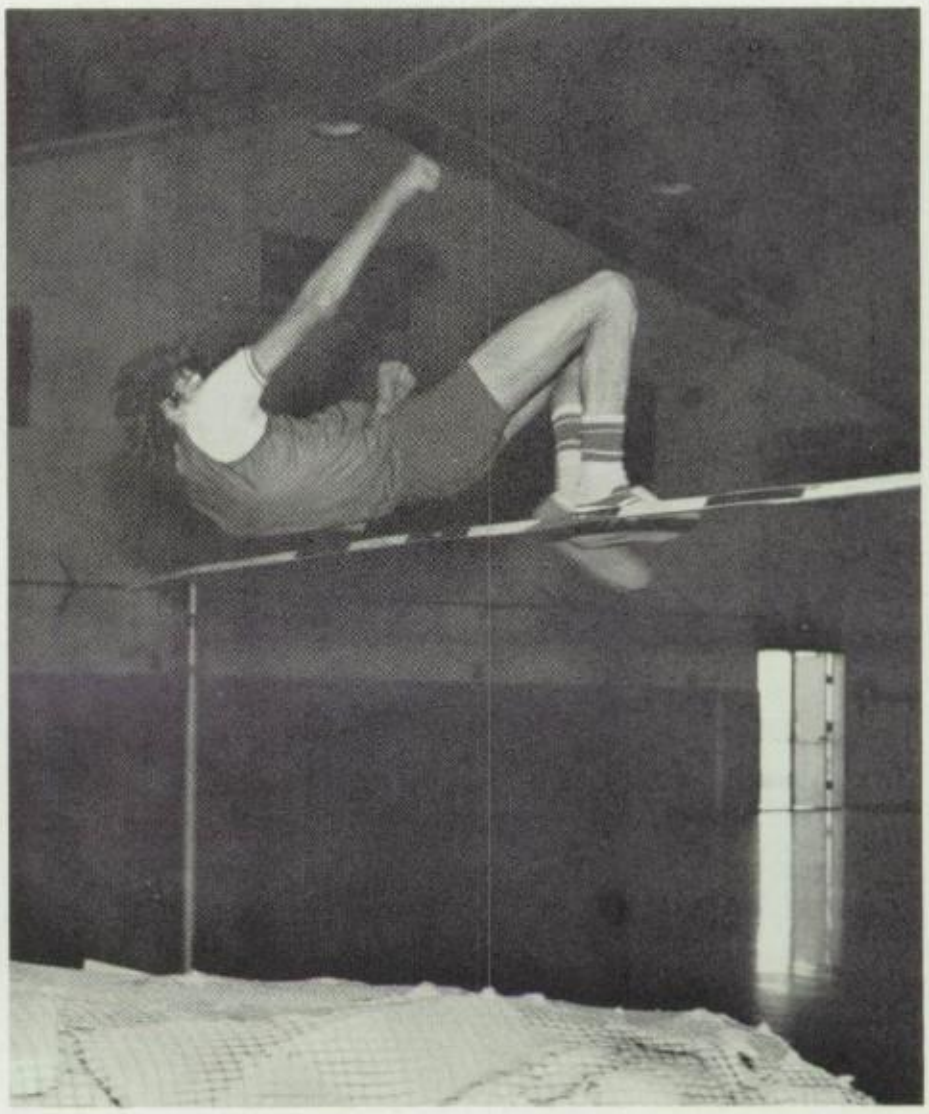
TRACK TEAM STANDING: Wes Andrews, Scott Hoedebecke, Scott Swengel, Randy Evans, Darrell Lenkner, Lloyd Elson, Gerry Jansen, Chuck Hardesty, David Hoedebecke. KNEELING: Coach Powell, Randy Rentfrow, Tom Hite, Russ Kollman, Tim Zahrn.

The track team went 6-5 this year. There were fine performances from this group of athletes. Chuck Hardesty broke the school record for throwing the shot-put with a throw of 49' 11 5/8". Scott Swengel led the team in points with 170. We should have many returning for next year for an excellent team.

The cross country team deserves alot of credit, even if they did have an off year. Not everybody can walk 3 miles let alone run it.

Teams Hustled





Participating on the Cross Country team were Randy Evans, Gerry Jansen, Darrell Lenkner, Scott Swengel, Tom Hite, and Bill Warfel. The coach was Coach Posey.

Indians Suffer Consequences Of Building Seasons

With two lettermen, only one a senior, the Indians ended with a dismal 4-20 season, but gained precious experience for the coming season. The Indians, under Coach Scott Posey, lost five games by a three point or less margin. Lack of rebounding and turnovers plagued them throughout the year. With four returning lettermen, the Indians should have a profitable 76-77 campaign.

KNEELING: Coach Scott Posey, Manager Chuck Hardesty. LEFT TO RIGHT: David Baker, Gary Horath, Gregg Daily, Richard Kollman, Scott Hoedebecke, David Walk, Darrell Lenkner, Scott Swengel, Chuck Whitaker, Bill Albin, Randy Kastl, and Kevin Pruemer.

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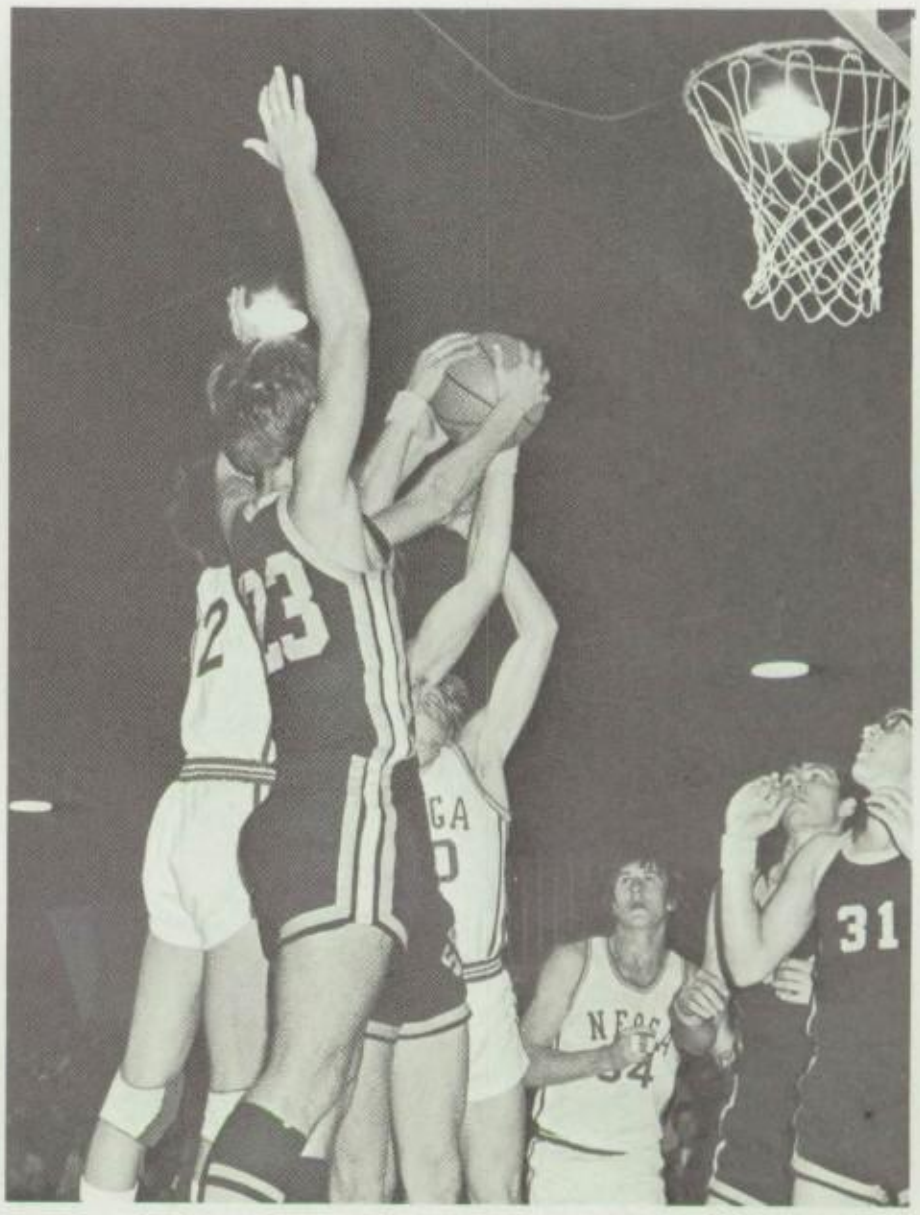
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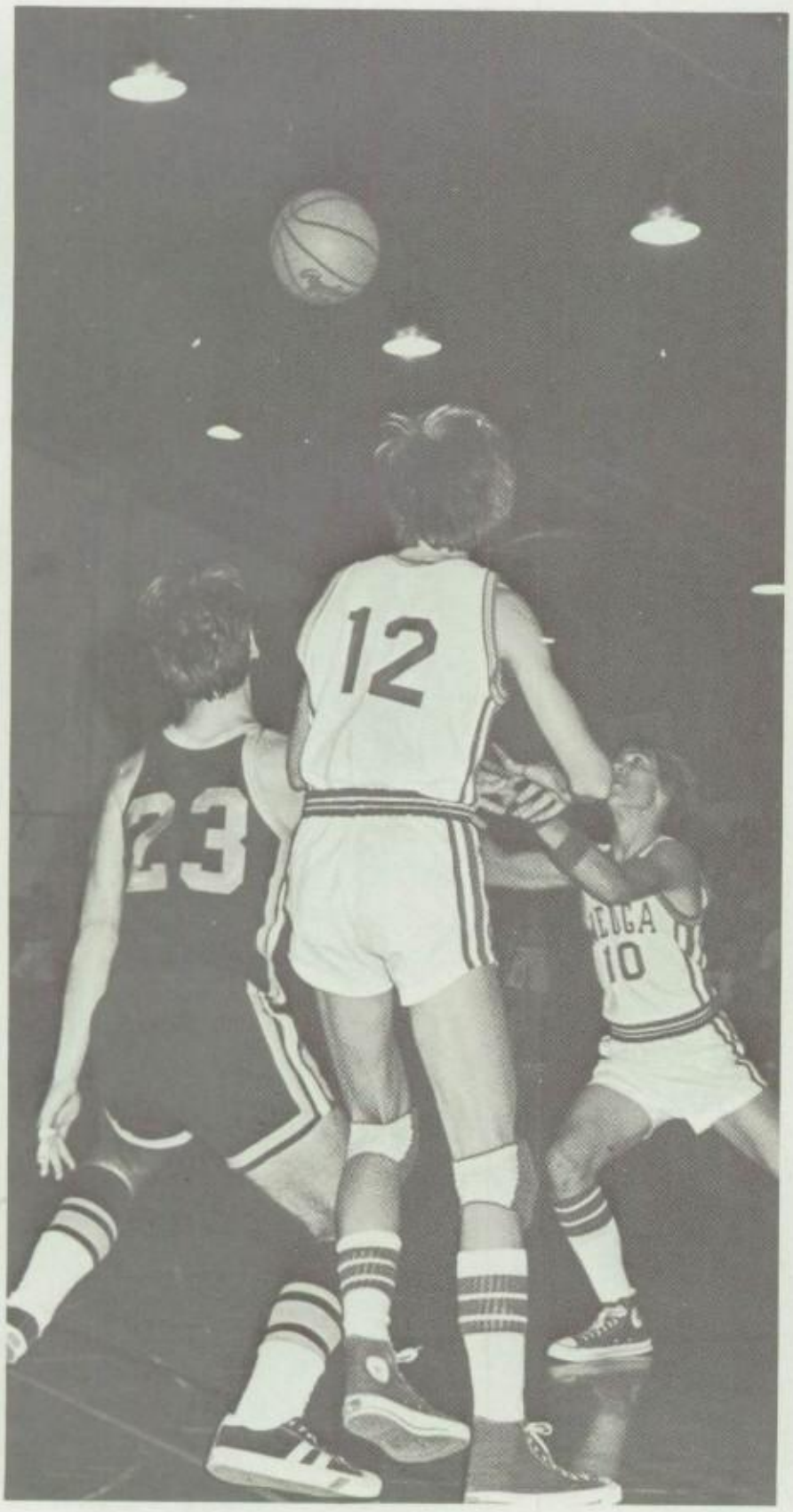
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55	Brownstown	58
47	Beecher City	61
60	T-Town	53
51	Windsor	73
53	Stew-Stras	78
50	Kansas	79
57	Beecher City	68
Snow	Cowden	Snow
56	Altamont	46
36	St. Elmo	69
69	Cumberland	78
86	Martinsville	76
35	Stew-Stras	63
69	Dieterish	56
28	St. Elmo	52
65	Altamont	55
70	St. Anthony	51

Victorious Indians

The greatness of our 1975-76 Freshman Basketball Team showed up when they took 1st place in the tourney, and ended the successful season with an outstanding record of 14-4.

Coach Powell coached our sophomore team to a 4th place finish in the tournament. They also ended the season successfully with a 9-4 record.

ABOVE: ROW ONE--LEFT TO RIGHT: Randy Rentfro, David Hoedebecke, Steve Maroon, Bill Albin, Steve Croy, Chuck Whitaker, Scott Swengel and Manager John Shuemaker. KNEELING: Kevin Pruemer, Tim Zahrn, Bob Coy, Russell Kollman, Mark Tipsword and Coach Powell.

J.V. Basketball

Even though the J.V. team and Coach Powell put out a lot of effort this year, it seemed as though they just couldn't get it together. However, a fine team is expected next year.

BELOW: TOP ROW--LEFT TO RIGHT: David Hoedebecke, Steve Maroon, Gregg Daily, Bill Albin, Scott Swengel, Chuck Whitaker, Gerry Jansen, Steve Croy, David Kastl, Kevin Pruemer. KNEELING: Manager Lloyd Elson, Russell Kollman, Tim Zahrn, Bob Coy, Mark Tipsword, Randy Rentfrow, Coach Powell.

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51	Dieterich	52
54	Cowden	44
41	Teutopolis	62
60	Stew-Stras	67
82	Louisville	84
45	St. Anthony	64
51	Blue Mound	57
50	Martinsville	49
41	Teutopolis	74
44	Altamont	65
62	Brownstown	42
62	Cumberland	65
58	Windsor	61
44	Beecher City	55
48	Stew-Stras	83
55	St. Elmo	48
48	Sullivan	65
52	Windsor	50

Enthusiasm Sparks The Crowd

The enthusiasm of the crowd and cheerleaders intensified as the time arose for the Neoga Indians to take the floor. Even though the basketball record did not end completely victorious, each game seemed to have its own exciting moments. Along with the great enthusiasm of the cheerleaders, the spirit of the crowds over the years is getting better.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Ginger Walk, Lisa Kepp, Dianne Bartholomew, Paula Bushur, Lisa Wright, Andrea Walk, Vicki Hoedebecke, Mary Short, Julie Hoene, Shelia Bushur, Sandi Cordes, Doris Jansen

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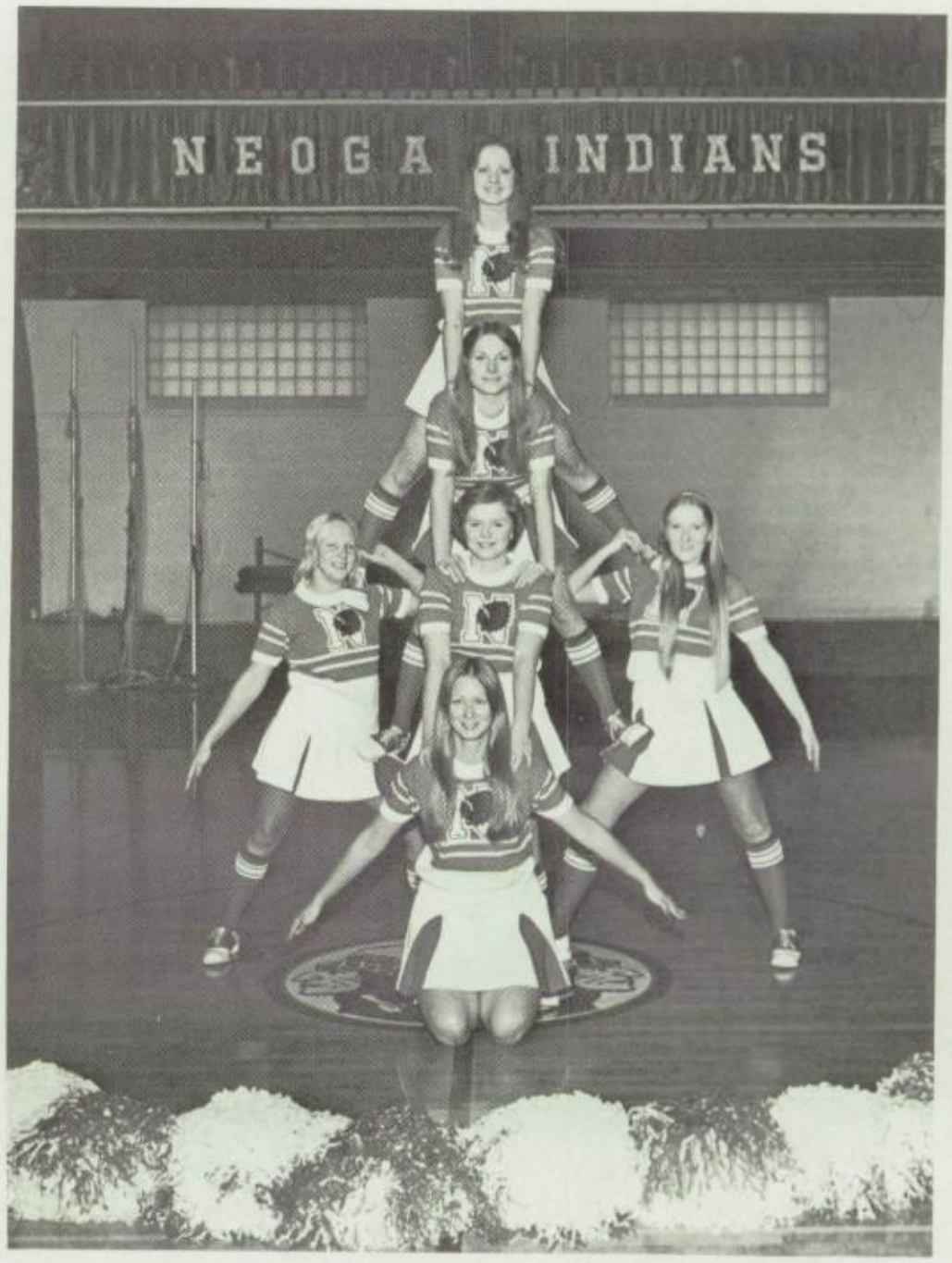
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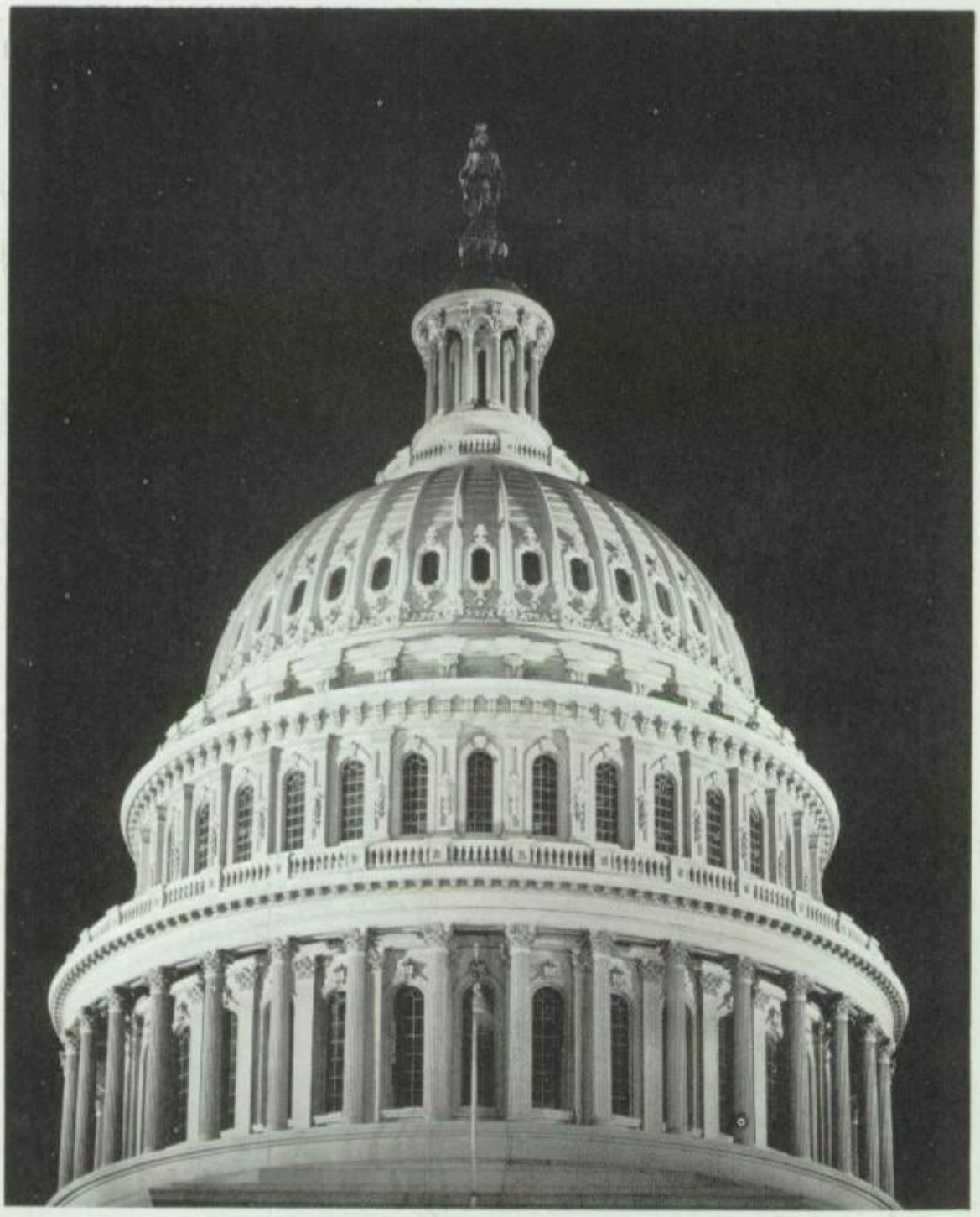
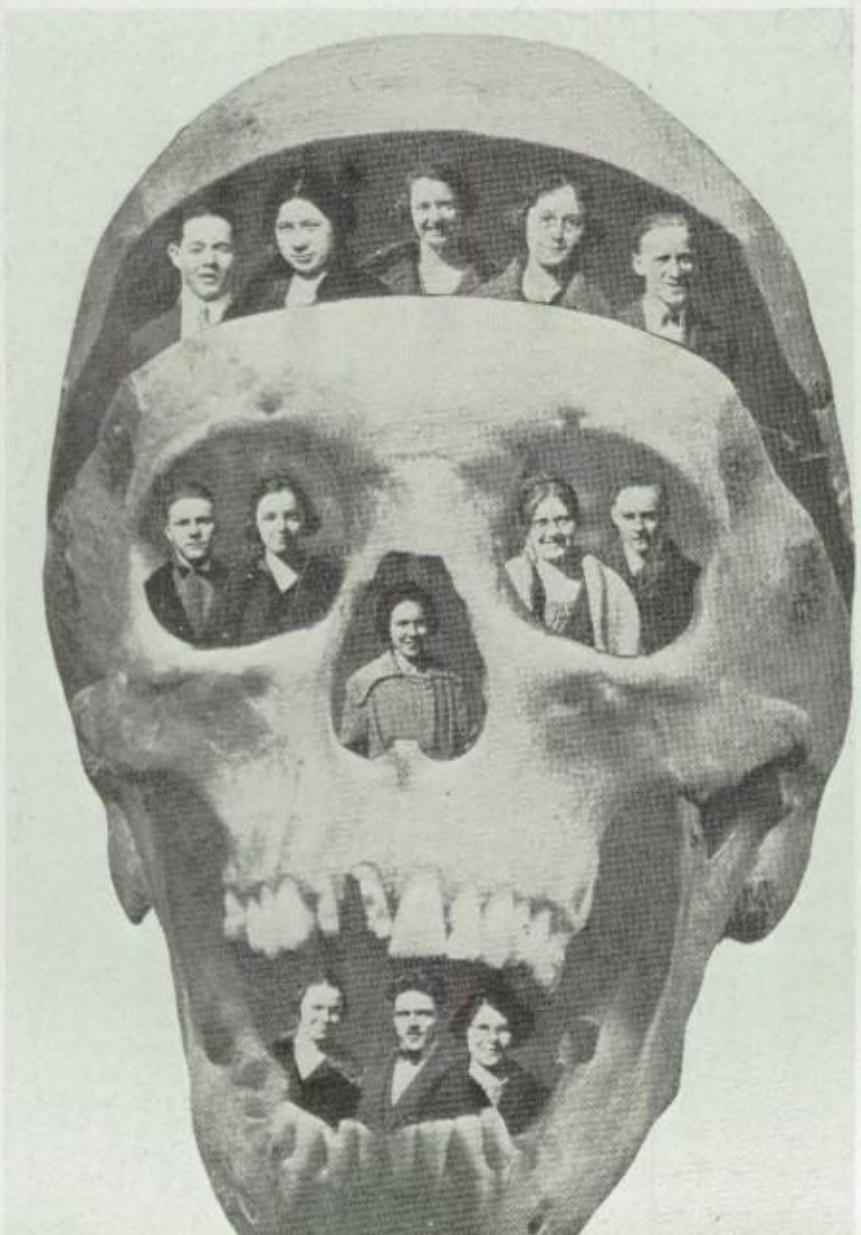
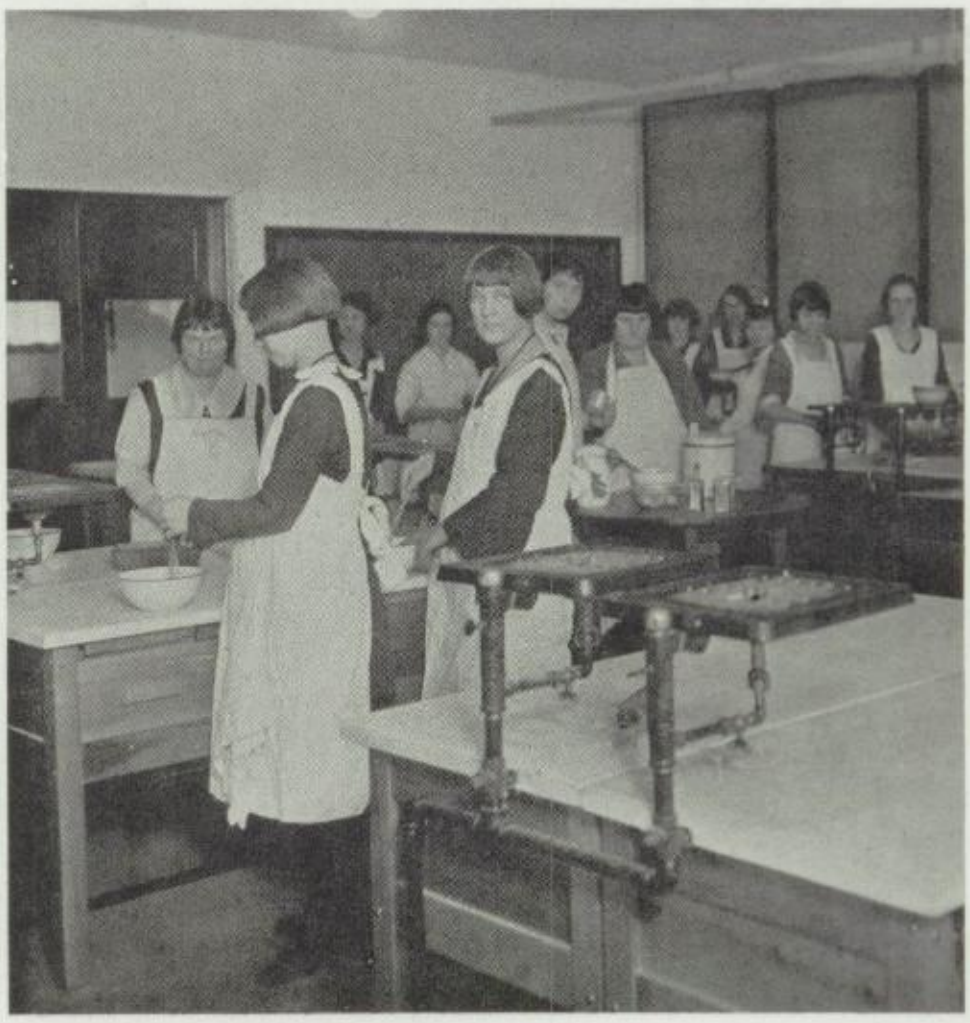


ORGANIZATIONS

These pictures were all taken from the 1923 BREEZE yearbook. They are all pictures of organizations--Band, Home Economics, and Physics. Some of the other organizations offered at that time were, Boys' Glee Club, School Play, Yearbook Staff, Cheerleaders (which they called "Yell Leaders"), and Athletics. Everyone in school was involved in at least one activity and many were in just about all of them. In comparison, we offer more than three times as many organizations and have twice as many people in each of them. However, all of us today are indeed grateful to those earlier organizations for providing us with a basis to start our new organizations as the need grows, year by year.

Band--1923
Virgil Brimberry
Isabel Crose
Carroll Swank
John Powell
Nina O'Day
Dallas Storm
Franklin Voris
Hazel Swengel
Mary Edith Witwer
M. C. Stallsmith





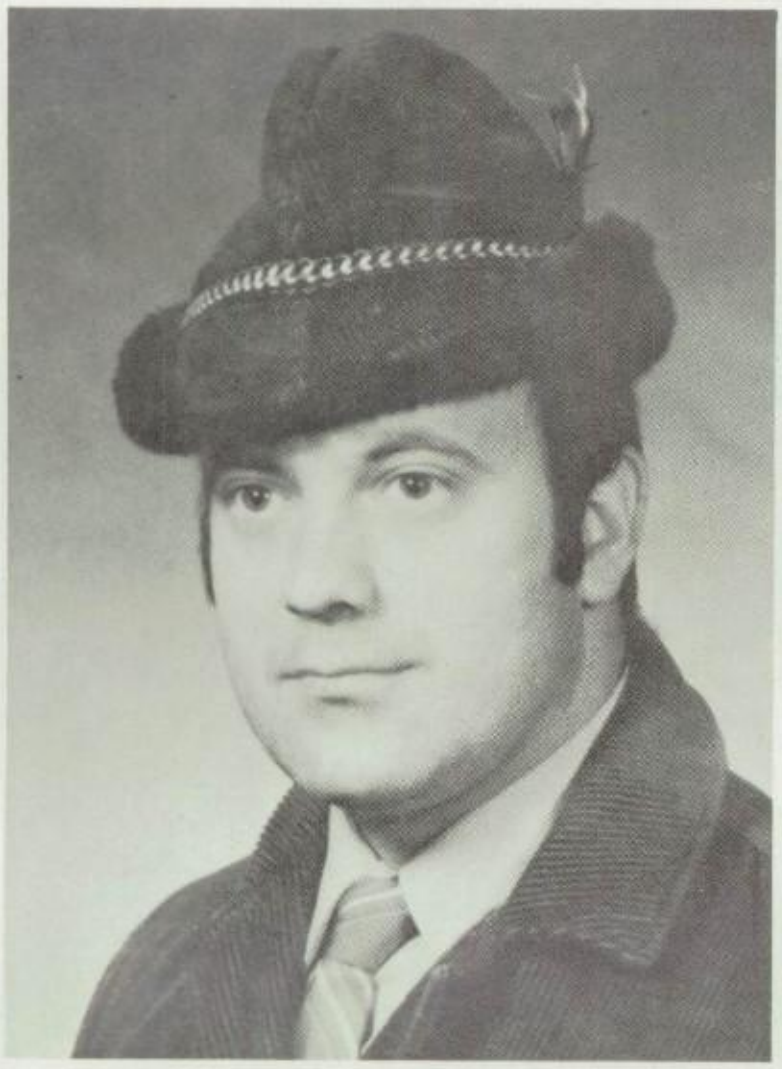
Tomahawk . . . A Bicentennial Production

Copy! Rough Drafts! Triplicates! Pictures! Deadlines! These are the things that kept the yearbook staff on the move during the 1975-76 school year.

The staff had a very productive year, despite its many challenges. They changed publishing companies for the third time in three years. When they changed companies they also changed yearbook representatives.

With Yearbook Sponsor Mrs. McTeer, Yearbook Representative Tim Cocagne, Editor Marilyn Warner and the staff working extra hard for a Bicentennial yearbook they realized, even though they had many hardships to overcome, that every minute put into the yearbook was worthwhile.

BELOW: TOP ROW--LEFT TO RIGHT: Nona Alexander, Theresa Warfel, Julie Stewart, Betsy Baker, Jannie Ryans, Andrea Walk, Bryan Skinner, Sponsor Mrs. McTeer, Yearbook Representative Tom Cocagne, Editor Marilyn Warner, Debbie Boyer. SECOND ROW: Assistant Editor Cinda Swengel, Ginger Walk, Mary Short, Cindy Whitaker, George Warner, Shannon Tabbert, Jenny Jansen, Betty Louthan, Rhonda Sanders, Ruth Kollman. SITTING: Gerald Hewing, Tim Strohl, Mike Willenborg, Mark Behl.



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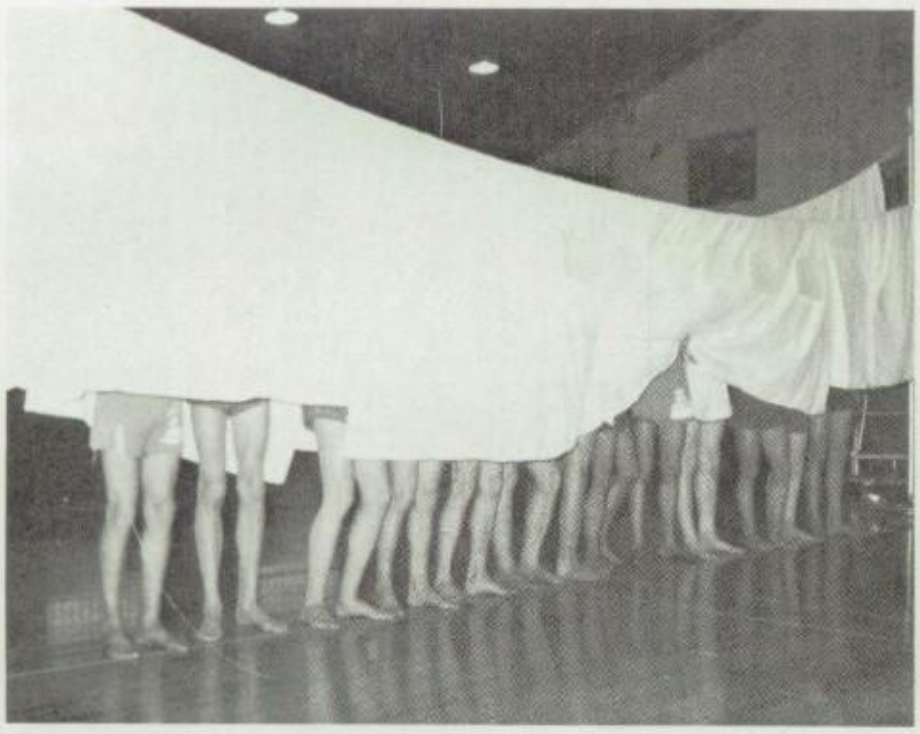
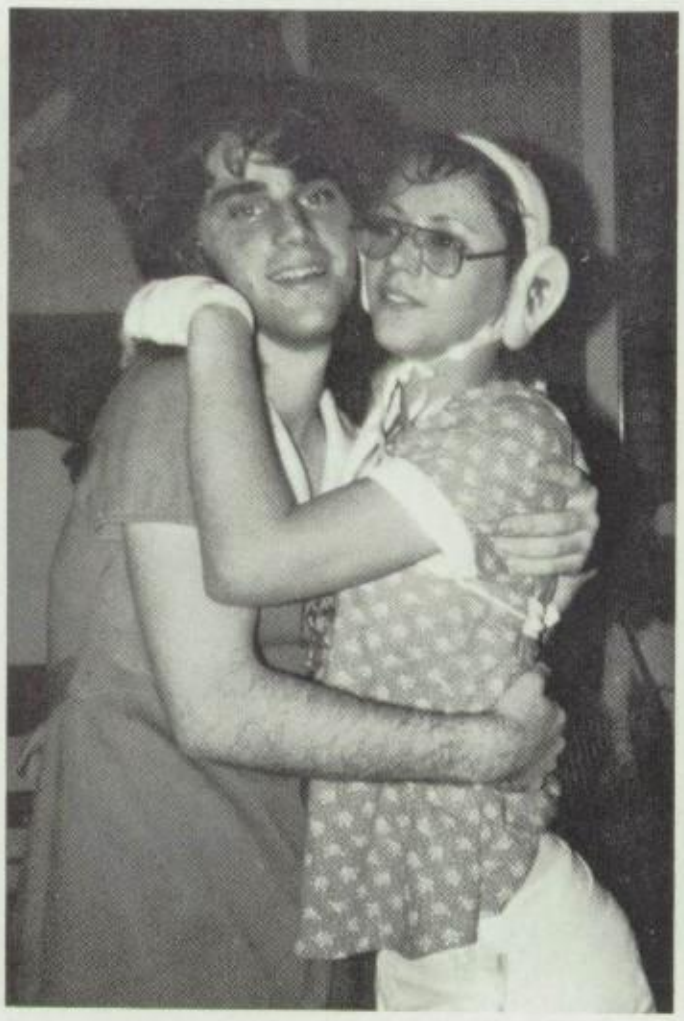
Reaching Out

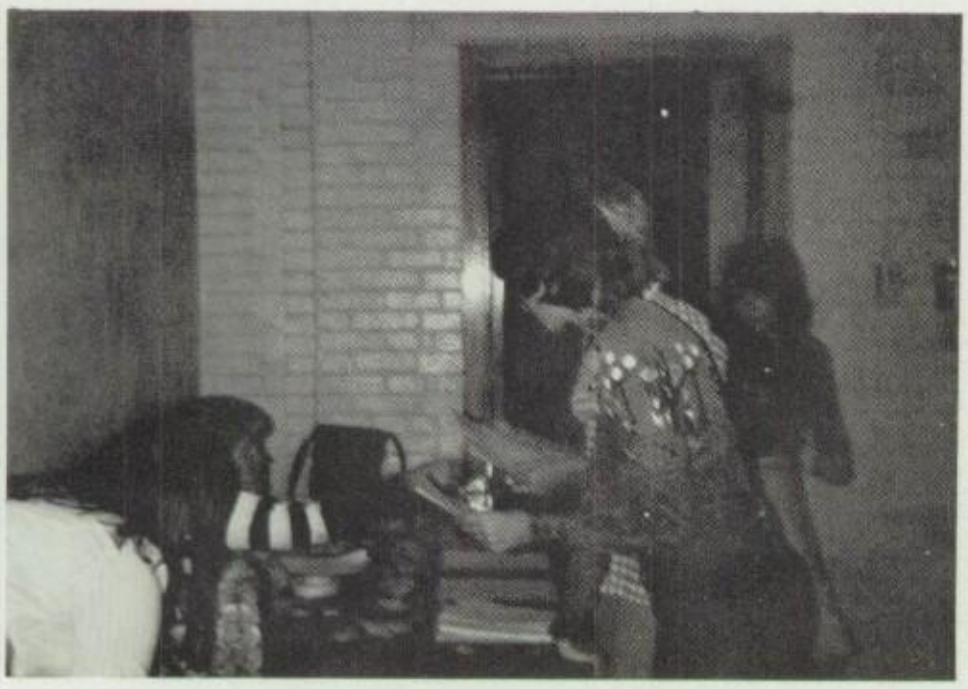
The student Council has had another busy and successful year. Members of the organization have become more involved in state organizations. Cindy Whitaker was elected Secretary of the Eastern Illinois District Association of Student Councils at the fall convention, and Kris Lindley was Jr. Counselor at State Leadership College at McKendree during the summer.

The council has also brought many changes to N. H. S. this past year. Vending machines were added to the cafeteria and bulletin boards were put up in the halls. The social events sponsored by student council were: Back-to-School Get-Together; Halloween Dance; Donkey Ball Game; Homecoming Week, with proceeds being used for the activity sign; and Clean-Up Day for Camp New Hope.

BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: Julie Krueger, Paula Bushur, Tim Zahrn, Cindy Osborn, Chuck Whitaker, Mr. Lindley, Mrs. Walk, Chuck Hardesty, Leanne Greuel, David Baker, Debbie Orsborn, Richard Kollman, Vicki Hoedebecke, Cyndi Ballinger, Betsy Baker, Cindy Whitaker, Pat Walk, Keith Bushur, Darrell Lane.







Read All About It

Many hours of hard work met the NEOGA NEWS deadlines to publish the MESSENGER. Last minute articles, hurried typing and great patience were typical of the MESSENGER Staff. Our school, families, and friends have been very informed on every aspect of student life because of the efforts of the staff and Ms. Andres.

Janet Miltenberger, Brian Skinner, Lisa Kepp, Tammy Baker, Miss Pat Andres, Sheila Bushur, Gerry Jansen, Sandi Cordes, Rhonda Sanders, David Walk, Tina Alexander, Lisa Wright, Julie Ludwig, Cindy Whitaker, Laura Kleinik, Vicki Hoedebecke, Deb Orsborn, Cindy Osborn, Laura Claybaugh, Duane White, Betsy Baker, Cindy Ballinger

American Field Service

The American Field Service Club has been active this year with projects to fund a foreign exchange student for N. H. S. in the near future. A beef raffle in December and weekly "Donut Days" were sponsored by the AFS'ers.

A domestic student exchange occurred between Neoga High and Lyons Township High. Five of our AFS students attended school and visited in the LaGrange, Illinois, area in early April; seven Lyons Township AFS students returned to our school and community in mid-May. After an educational field trip in our east-central Illinois area, the LaGrange students were our guests at a progressive dinner and a cook-out and bowling party during their stay here.

AFS GROUP: Vicki Hoedebecke, Laura Claybaugh, Penny Stephens, Delores Walk, Gwen Warren, Cinda Swengel, Sheila Bushur, Lisa Stewart, Julia Stewart, Julie Hoene, Lisa Kepp, Jenny Jansen, Peggy Beals, Peggy Ewing, Lori Walk, Kathy Meek, Cindy Whitaker, Paula Bushur, Janet Miltenberger, Mary Short, Betsy Baker, Penny Patrick, Scott Hoedebecke, Gerry Jansen, Alani Nesler, David Walk, David Brick, Keith Bushur, Phil Fearday, Advisors: Mrs. Loxley and Mrs. Dougherty.

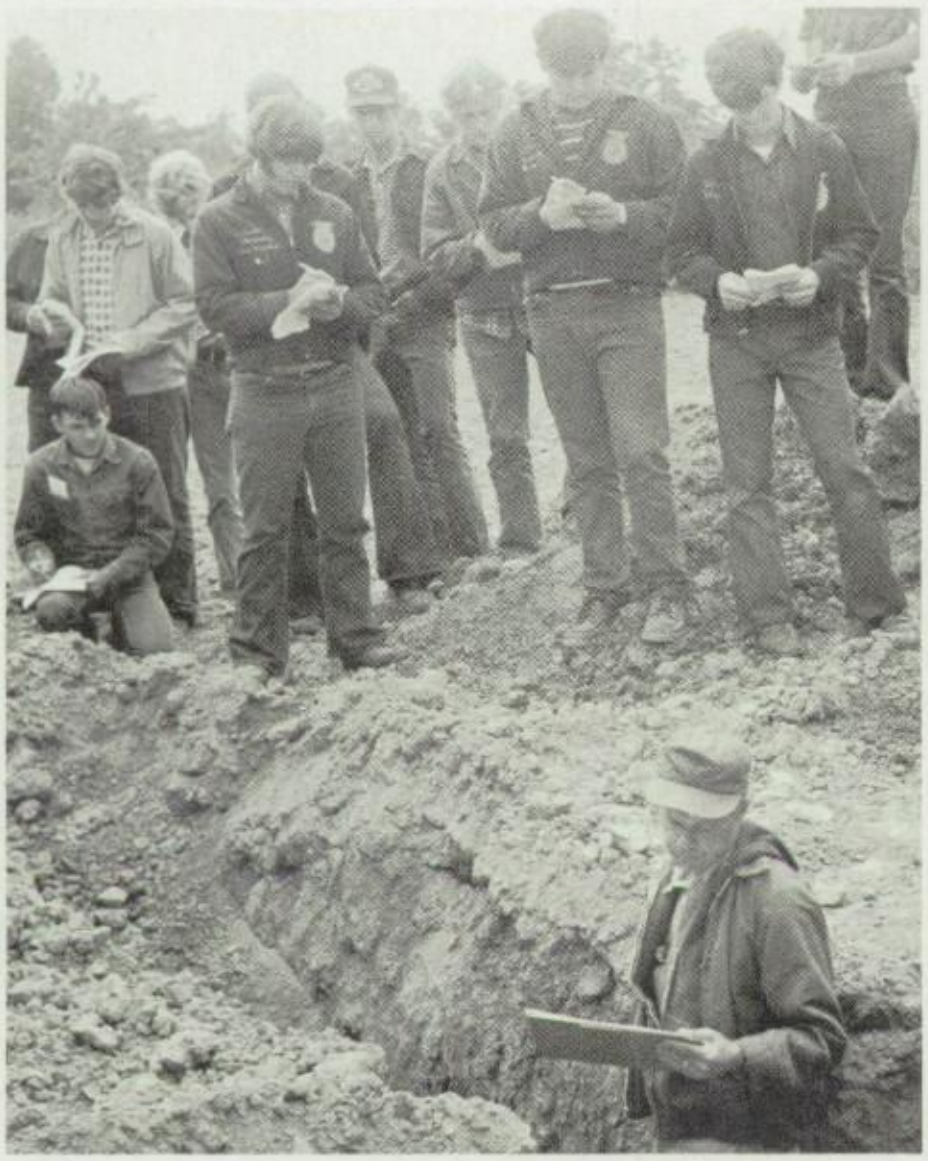
FHA

As usual, the girls in F.H.A. had a busy year. They made money by having a white elephant sale, and had fun by having their Annual Daddy Date Night and Teacher Slave Day. This year the F.H.A. Club helped out by serving at the F.F.A. banquet. The F.H.A. Club wound up another good year by having a barbecue at Hidden Springs and eating all the homemade ice cream they could hold.

BOTTOM ROW: Cindy Ballinger, Ruth Baker, Jane Baker, Julie Ludwig, Vicki Hoedebecke, Betsy Baker, Laura Kleinik. SECOND ROW: Nancy Hampton, Debbie Mehl, Kay Cummins, Tina Alexander, Vicki Cordes, Leanne Greuel, Marilyn Warner, Debbie Orsborn, Ruth Kollman, Advisor Mrs. Abell. TOP ROW: Laura Claybaugh, Susan Kleinik Watson, Cathy Geiling, Debbie Ballinger, Gwenn Warren, Lydonna Jenkins, Nona Alexander.

Advisor Mrs. Abell, Vice President Vickie Hoedebecke, and President Betsy Baker.

F.F.A. — Active Year



Twenty-seven FFA members and their advisor started off the 1975-76 school year by electing officers. Officers chosen for the year were: Chuck Hardesty, president; John Shuemaker, vice president; Steve Willenborg, secretary; Pat Walk, treasurer; Kevin Pruemer, reporter; and Stan Schutte, sentinel.

FFA members had a busy year with such activities as FFA-FHA cookout at Jennings Park and soil judging team consisting of Chuck Hardesty, Bill Warfel, Don Croy, Reggie Rennels, and John Shuemaker. Members held their annual FFA Banquet at which Ed Lambert was the guest speaker. In addition to local activities, several members of the organization attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Farm Bureau Conference. To complete the year, the group toured the Ralston-Purina Experimental Farm in Missouri.

KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT: David Shuemaker, Randy Rentfrow, Mike Willenborg, David Baker, Bill Warfel, Lloyd Haskett, Gerald Hewing, Dale Foltz, Chuck Hardesty, John Shuemaker. SECOND ROW: Reggie Rennels, Phil Fearday, Steve Willenborg, Don Strohl, Pat Walk, David Brick, Don Croy, David Walk, Mr. Dan Leathers, advisor, Steve Figgins, Stan Schutte, Randy Walk, Steve McClellan, Earl Smith, Bob Orsborn. IN THE TREE: Jeff Beals, Tim Strohl, Ron Brady.

Science Club Travels

The science club was involved in raising money for the green house which is to be located in the science department of the new school. The members also traveled to the engineering open house at the University of Illinois in Urbana. The officers who arranged this trip were President Gerry Jansen, Vice-President Bill Osborn, Secretary Clarice Jansen, Treasurer Andy Sudkamp, Student Council Representative Keith Busher, Reporter Tammy Parker, and the Advisor Mr. Louthan.

TOP ROW; Keith Bushur, Bill Warfel, Andy Sudkamp. SECOND ROW: Mark Cleeton, Deloris Walk, Julie Hoene, Sheila Bushur, Joyce Harmon, Patty Miller, Robin Neff, Clarice Jansen, Theresa Warfel, Tammy Parker, Bill Osborn, THIRD ROW; Advisor Mr. Louthan, and Gerry Jansen.

Taking care of the flowers: Mr. Louthan, Andy Sudkamp, and Bill Osborn

N Club

The members of the "N" Club kicked off the 1975-76 school year by electing officers as follows: President--Jannie Ryans, Secretary-Treasurer--Julie Krueger, Student Council Representative--David Baker. Among the activities of the "N" club was selling refreshments at the Freshman Tournament, and members also purchased new "N" Club jackets.

KNEELING: Joanie Albin, Mary Short, Bill Warfel, Steve Maroon, Russell Kollman, Bob Coy, David Ballinger, Gary Horath. SECOND ROW: Julie Krueger, Vicki Hoedebecke, Sheila Bushur, Ginger Walk, Cinda Swengel, Lisa Stewart, Chuck Hardesty, Scott Swengel, Scott Hoedebecke, Bill Albin, Keith Bushur, Dave Walk, David Kastl, Coach J. Lee McTeer. THIRD ROW: Coach Scott Posey, Betsy Baker, Phil Fearday.

America's G.A.A.

G. A. A. started the year under a new advisor, Mrs. Biggs. The Girls' Athletic Association acquired new and better sports to participate in. Along with the new, old sports were enjoyed. The first activity was swimming, followed by skating, bowling, volleyball, basketball, and bombardment. The year ended with the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet which used red, white, and blue decorations representing the Bicentennial theme, America's G. A. A.

Officers: President, Rhonda Sanders; Vice President, Ruth Kollmann; Secretary-Treasurer, Ruth Baker; Student Council Representative, Debbie Orsborn; Points Chairman, Penny Stephens; Reporter, Leanne Greuel; and Sportheads: Julie Ludwig, Julie Hoene, Debbie Mehl, Susan Willenborg, and Paula Bushur.

Group Picture, ROW 1: Susan Willenborg, Penny Stephens, Leanne Greuel, Deb Mehl, Lisa Miller, Laura Kleinik, Cathy Geiling, Dianne Bartholomew, Tina Alexander, Melinda Hatten, Deb Ballinger, Patty Hardesty, Deb Boyer; ROW 2: Ruth Kollmann, Rhonda Sanders, Deb Orsborn, Ruth Baker, Terri Parker, Karen Hewing, Bobbie Hatten, Jackie Hatten, Julie Ballinger, Julia Stewart, Tammy Parker, Alani Newler, Joyce Anderson; STANDING: Julie Ludwig, Julie Hoene, Paula Bushur; ROW 3: Betsy Baker, Lisa Kepp, Jeannette Fearday, Paula Sheehan, Jennifer Ramert, Regina Warfel, Shelia Bushur, Delores Walk, Cathy Snyder, Tammy Baker; ROW 4: Doris Jansen, Vicki Hoedebecke, Cindi Ballinger, Cindy Whitaker, Peggy Goodwin, Nancy Hampton, Gwen Warren, Penny Patrick, Sandy King; ROW 5: Mary Deters, Donna Shoot, Vicki Cordes, Shirley Beals, Sannon Tabbert, Joni Barnett, Tina Miller, Jill Schutte; ROW 6: Sara Hoelscher, Debbie Shuemaker, Lori Walk, Jenny Jansen, Linda Fosbender, Anita Cleeton, Debbie Marlow; ROW 7: Janica Cross, Maureen Greuel, Caroline Walk, Pat Bushur, Clarice Jansen, Joannie Albin, Julie Krueger, Jerri Orr; ROW 8: Twila Enlow, Shelia Zimmer, Cinda Swengel, Lisa Myer, Lisa Stewart, Kerry Walters, Kristy Willenborg, Karen Reed; ROW 9: Sharon Zimmer, Brenda Coy, Lydonna Jenkins, Julie Campbell, Marlese Hartman, Jane Baker.

Bicentennial Theme

ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW 1: Sandi Cordes, Vicki Hardesty, Tom Hite, Andrea Walk, Lisa Duncan, Deb Boyer, Alani Nesler, Cheryl May, Lisa Wright, Susan Kleinik Watson. ROW 2: Mr. Springs, Jennifer Ramert, Lisa Kepp, Ginger Walk, Penny Stephens, Julie Ballinger, Bill Albin, Gary Sarff, Mark Peters, Joannie Albin, Keith Duncan, Mary Short, Peggy Ewing. ROW 3: Nona Alexander, Tina Alexander, Linda Shuemaker, Laura Kleinik, Karen Reed, Julie Campbell, Reggie Rennels, Brad Van Scyoc, Bryan Skinner, Tom Evans, Randy Evans, Lila Spencer, Gwen Warren, Brian O'Guinn, Dale Evans, Paula Sheehan, Steve Osterday, Paula Bushur, Sheila Bushur, John Watkins. Not Shown: Steve Massengill, Penny Patrick. OPPOSITE: Jazz Band at Homecoming.

Bands — A Busy Year

The concert band performed at several concerts and attended the concert band contest at EIU. The IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest was held at NHS this year. NHS concert band members received 10 first place ratings out of 16 entries.

The jazz band went to festivals at EIU and Millikin. Performances included the regular concerts, pep assemblies, and games. The big event of the year was the "JAZZ-A-THON" held at NHS April 23. Jazz bands from SIU, EIU, Herrin, Robinson, Stephen Decatur, and Neoga played.

BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT: ROW 1: Gary Sarff, Tina Alexander, Bryan Skinner, Jennifer Ramert, Lisa Kepp. ROW 2: Reggie Rennels, Brad Van Scyoc, Laura Kleinik, Nona Alexander, Linda Shuemaker, Karen Reed, Mark Peters, John Watkins, Steve Osterday, Tom Evans. ROW 3: Mr. Springs, Lisa Duncan, Tom Hite, Randy Evans, Dale Evans. Not shown: Brian O'Guinn, Patty Janes.

Fall Employment For '76

All the students in the Interrelated Cooperative Career Education class (ICCE) were employed during '76 These students attended school part time and worked part time in jobs they have had in vocational training in high school. The participants include secretaries, craftmen, farmers, retail employees and nursing. Some worked in plumbing, electricity and auto mechanics. These students have had "hands on" experience at an occupation they have studied for and want to be in after graduation. Full Employment? Lets hope so!

BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: Steve Willenborg, Keith Bushur, Mrs. Walk, Laura Claybaugh, Karen Spencer, Larry Monroe, Kris Lindley, Susan Secrest, Don Croy, Leon Livingston, David Krampe, Randy Walk, Ron Brady, Gene Evans

On The Job . . .

Cooperative Work Training is an on the job experience program coupled with an in-school related class designed to meet the special needs of its students. These needs may be economic, academic, social or the lack of vocational skills.

The goal of this course is to develop competencies adequate for wage earning employment. The students will be paid beginning wages while attending school on a half-day basis. This program enables students to gain credit for graduation and at the same time learn the skills necessary for gainful employment after graduation.

SCHOOL LIFE

As can be seen from these snapshots, the boys and girls attending N. H. S. in 1923 did a lot of things at school besides studying. Although they went to school fifty-three years ago, they acted much the same as we do. Every class had its goof-offs and show-offs and every class had its studious, well-behaved pupils too. It seems that through the years, although our school has grown and changed a great deal, the students are the same as ever.

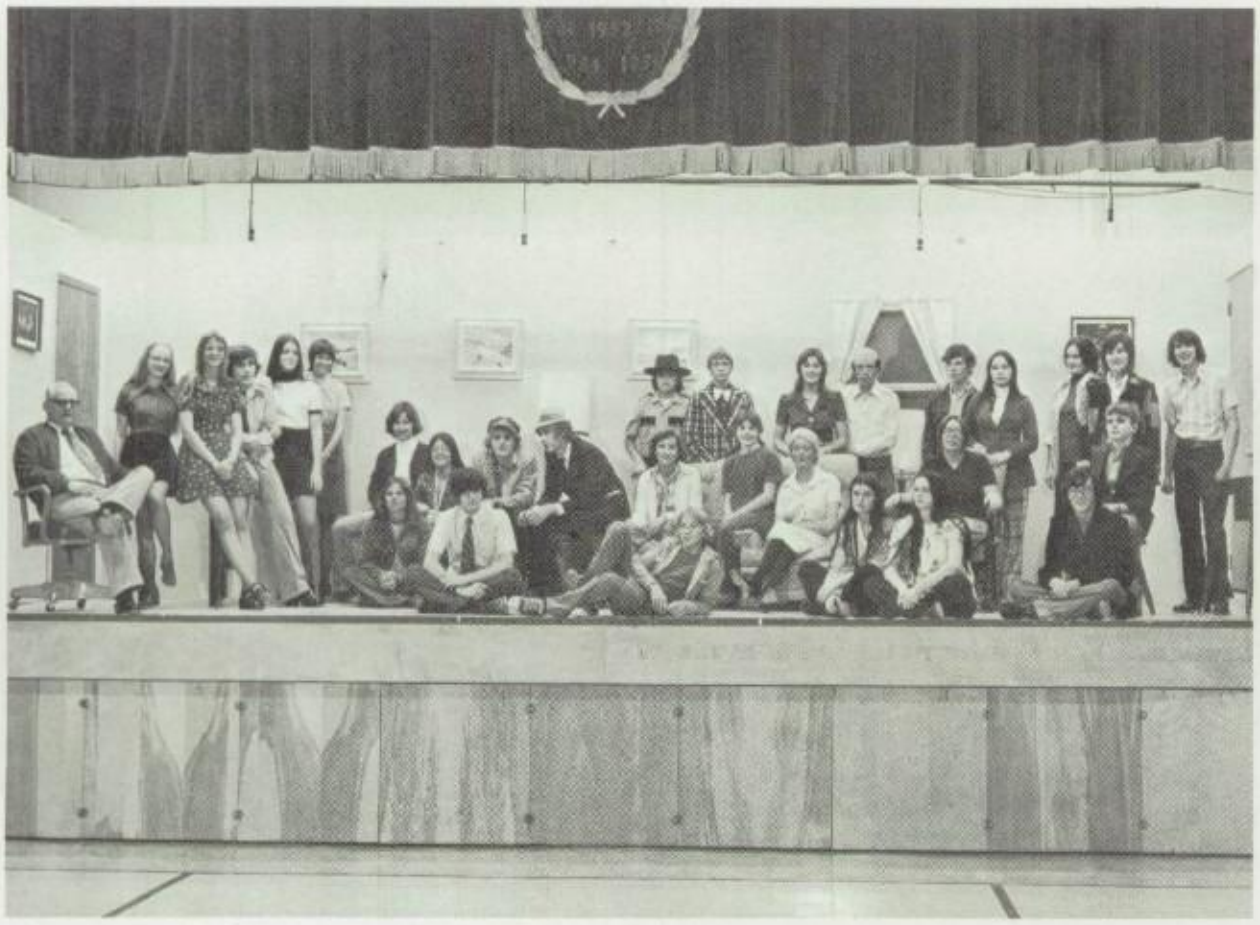
Who Says We Can't?

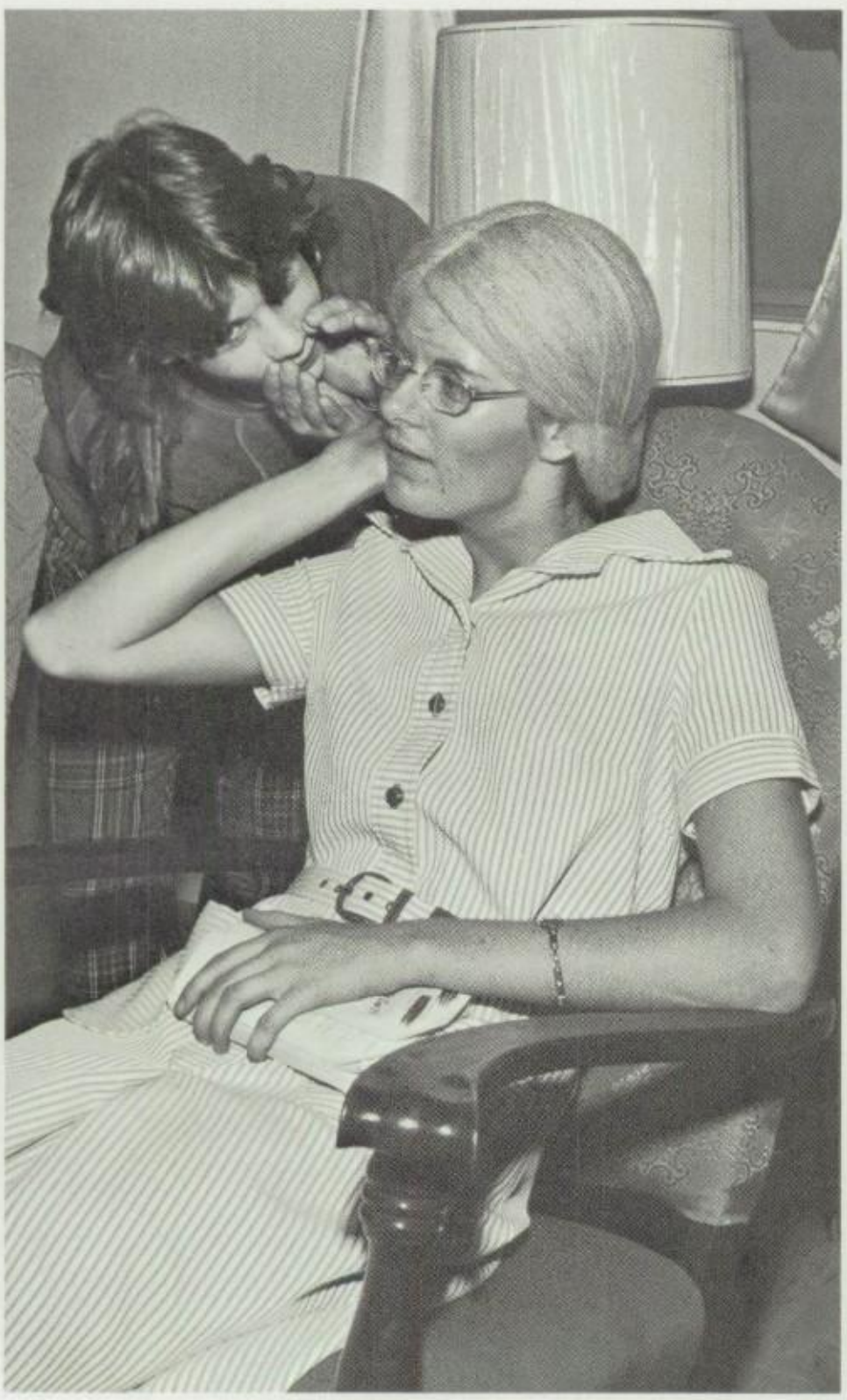
Funny, Sensitive, Enjoyable! These are just a few words that a critic could have used if he had attended the fall production of "Who Says We Can't."

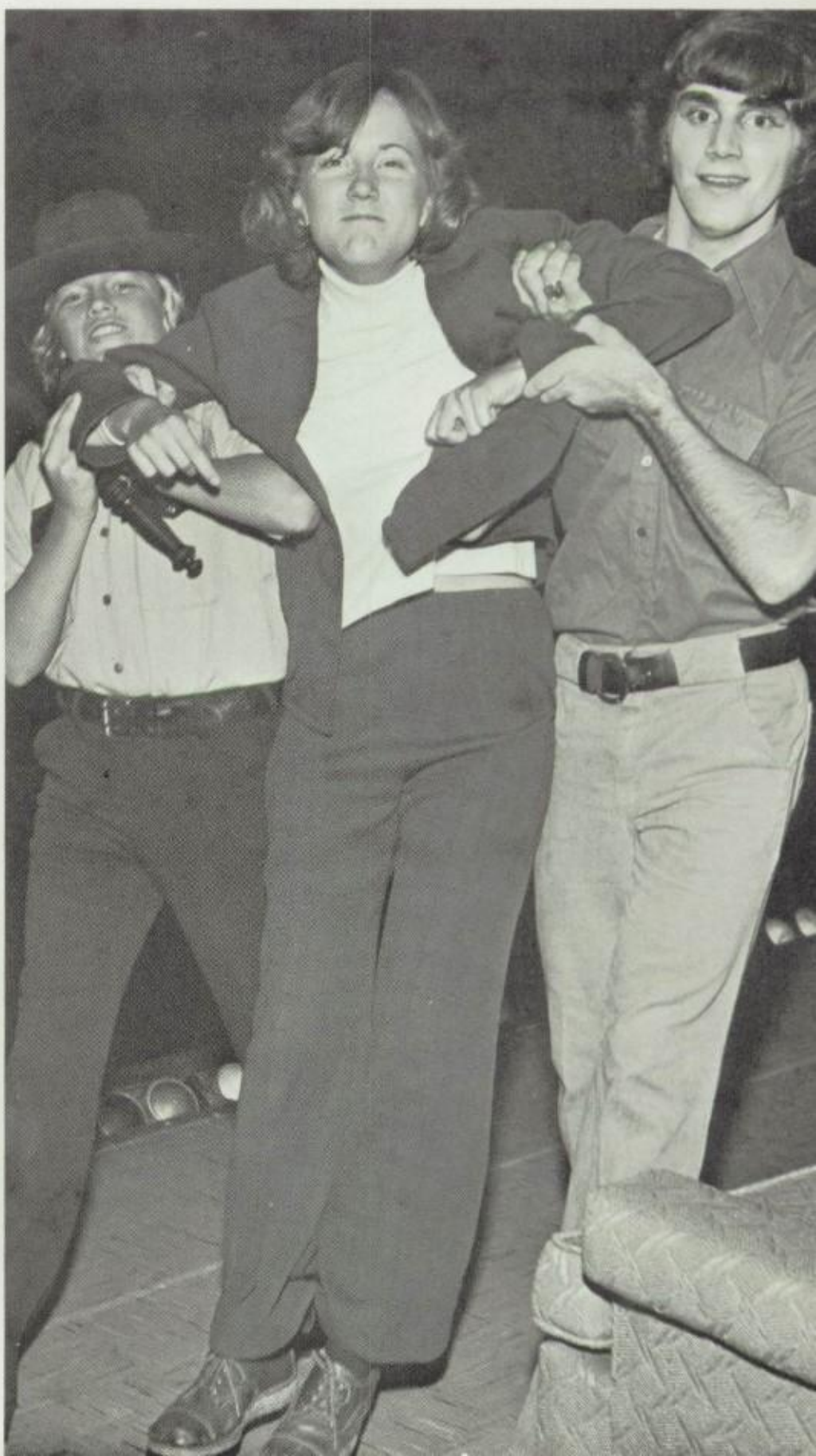
Directed by John Luallen, the story was about a young orphaned family trying to make it on their own.

Starring along with other members of the cast, a delightful, stuffed toy, Wamba, stole the hearts of many.

Wamba's owner was played by Cindy Osborne. The head of the family was Susan Kleinik. Bryan Skinner was the young lawyer next door trying to win her heart. Playing cupid, George and Sue starred Richard Kollman and Penny Patrick. Along with the rest of fine actors this year's play was a great success.







Precious And Few

"Precious and Few" was the theme chosen for the star-glittered homecoming night. Even though the Neoga Indians were defeated on the home court by the T-Town wooden shoes, the dance still held its enchantment. The Class of '76 sponsored an alumni registration during the homecoming ballgame. Mr. Louis Buchanan was honored for being the earliest N. H. S. graduate attending the game. The highlight of the homecoming dance was the presentation of the homecoming court. Chosen to reign as King and Queen were Chuck Hardesty and Doris Jansen.

1975-76 Homecoming Court
Gary Horath, Kris Lindley, Keith Bushur, Stan Hoelscher, Susie Figgins, Vicki Hoedebecke, Betsy Baker, Patti Bushur, Jannie Ryans, Chris Baker, King Chuck Hardesty, Queen Doris Jansen, Andrea Baker, Pat Walk.

PRECIOUS

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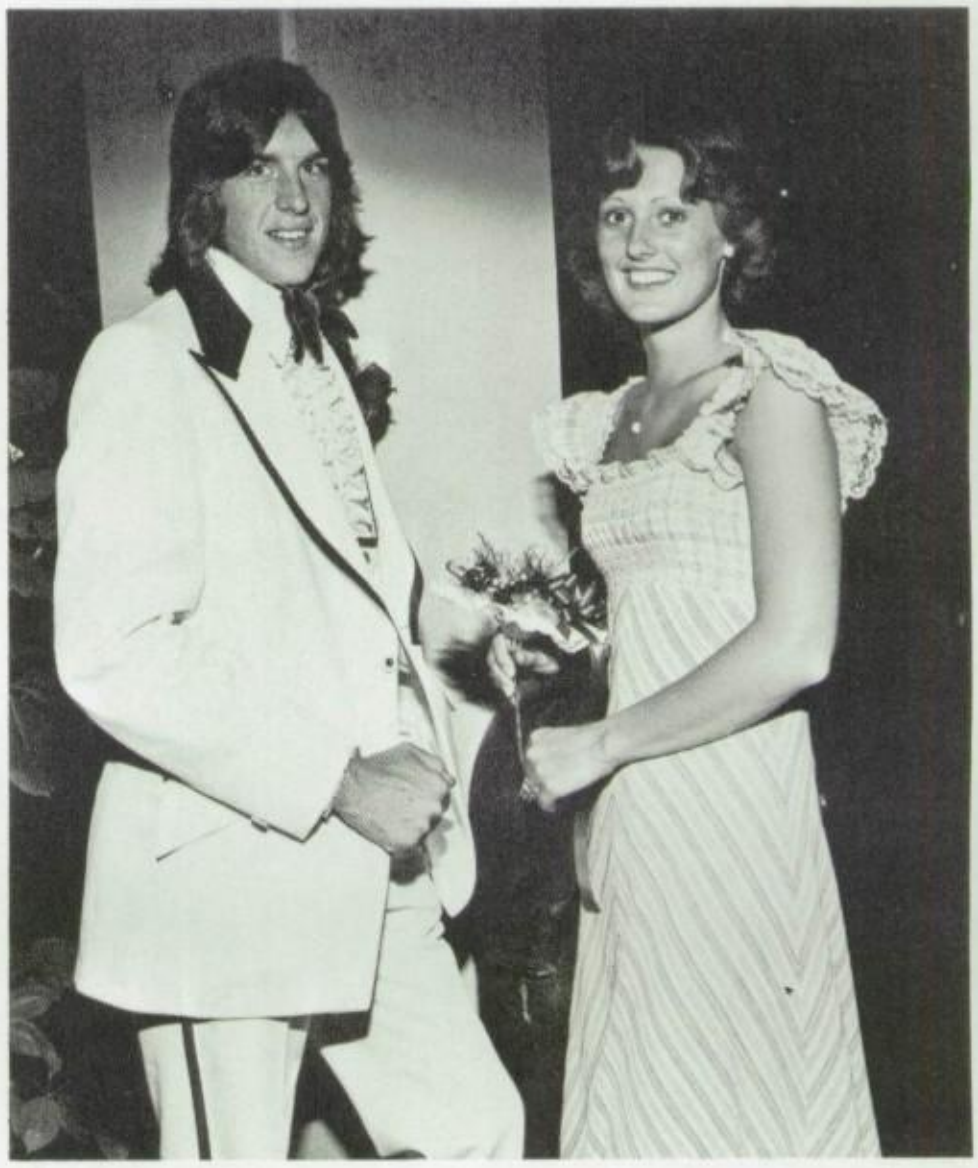
"Feelings"

The evening of May 1, 1976, was highlighted with the Neoga High School's Prom being held at the Holiday Inn in Mattoon.

With the prom beginning at 8:00 p.m. and Post-Prom activities immediately following, the evening was throughly enjoyed by all.

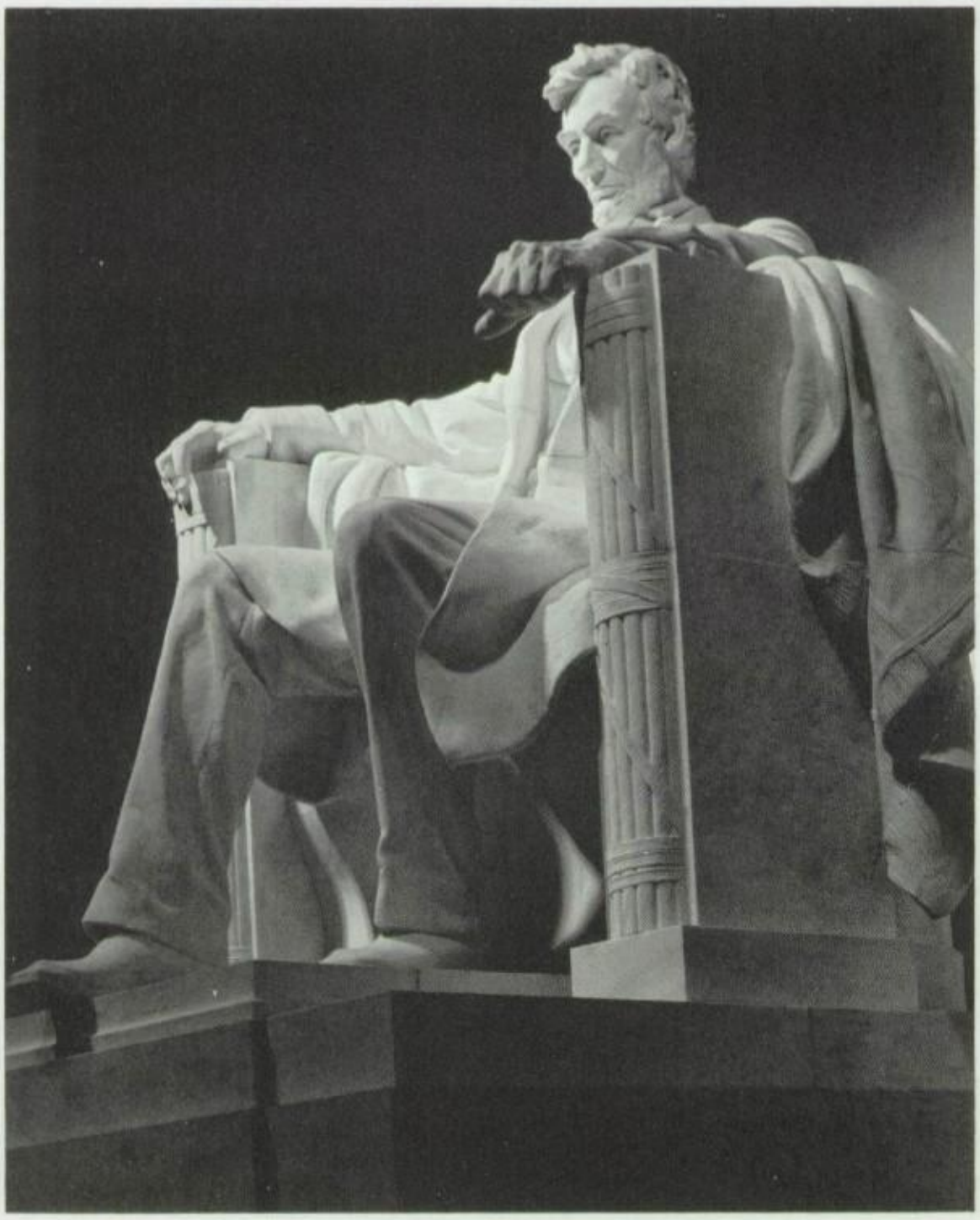
Post-Prom activities included a movie and, even though everyone was tired, but too excited to think about sleeping, breakfast at the high school.



Success Is Not Given, It Is Earned

In The Spirit Of '76

Top ten scholars: Leslee Janes, Vicki Hoedebecke, Cindy Ballinger, Leanne Greuel, Betsy Baker, Don Strohl, Dennis Mette, Jannie Ryans, Dorinda Fletcher, Salutatorian, 4.629; Karen Spencer, Valedictorian, 4.809.



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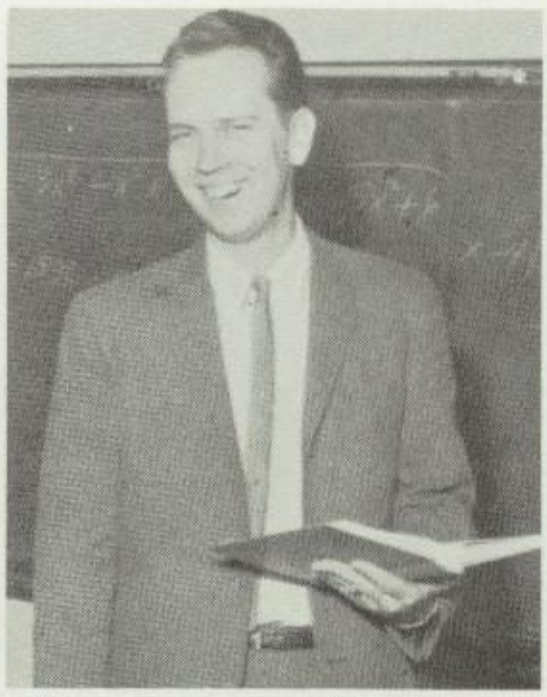

THE

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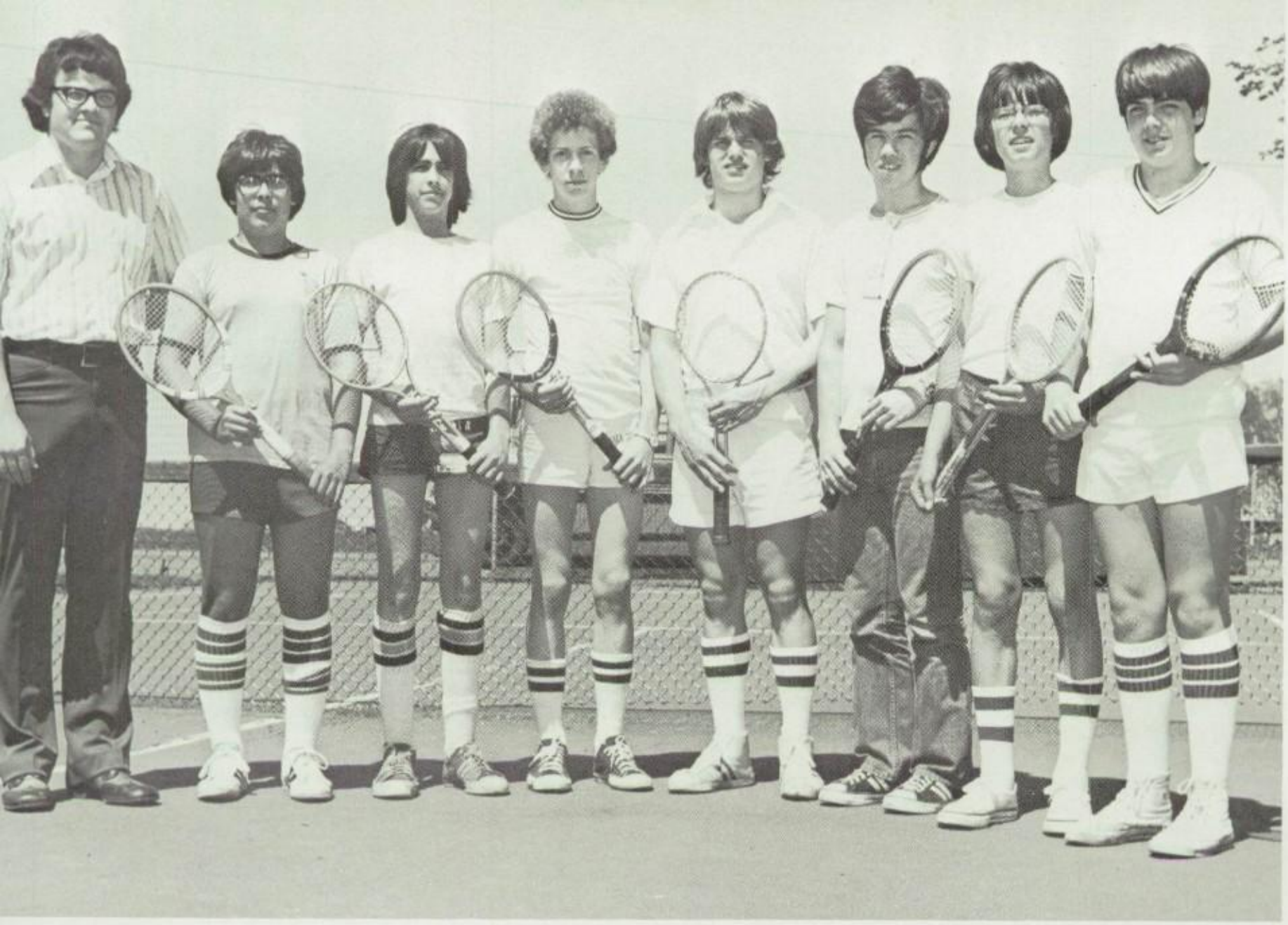
'75 TRACK, ABOVE, ROW 1: Joe Ludwig, Randy Kastl, Gim Lee, Tom Shuemaker, Brian White, Wes Shuemaker, SECOND ROW: Chuck Hardesty, Scott Hoedebecke, Scott Swengel, Greg Rawlings, Gerry Jansen, Randy Evans, Bill Warfel, THIRD ROW: Darrell Lenkner, Stan Hoelscher, Fred Swengel, Mike Massengill, Jay Whalin, Dave Duncan, Richard Kollman. BELOW CENTER: Fred Swengel smiles after placing fifth in the high jump at the State Small School Meet. BELOW RIGHT: Kris Lindley reaches for a shot at tennis practice.

This past year, Neoga sported the best track team in ten years. The team brought home a 7-3 record. Fred Swengel, after setting new school records in the high jump, triple jump, and high and low hurdles, went on to be the first student to represent Neoga in the State Small School Track Contest.



1975 Spring Sports

As the girls completed their first season with a successful 4-3 record, there was a new look in track. Although they didn't fare well in the Casey Invitational, the season was rounded out with signs of even better meets to come, due to the valuable experience that was gained.

GIRLS' TRACK: Coach Wente, Vicki Willenborg, Sue Willenborg, Penny Stephens, Jannie Ryans, Tammy Parker, Vicki Hoedebecke, Betsy Baker, Deb Shuemaker, Mary Short, Cindy Andrews, Lisa Meyer, Cindy Whitaker, Theresa Warfel, Mary Ludwig, Cinda Swengel, Deb Walk, Linda Brocksmith, Cathy Geiling, Deb Ballinger, Laura Kleinik, Ruth Kollman, Lisa Stewart, Leslee Janes, Regina Warfel, and Managers, Janet Miltenburger and Cindy Brubaker.

With inexperience taking its toll, the tennis team ended the season with a disappointing 1-9 record. But in spite of the let-down, the team gained valuable experience for future matches. They are expected to be a more formidable opponent in the future.

TENNIS: Coach Powell, Allen Drenan, Andy White, Bill Albin, Kris Lindley, Phil Fearday, Mark Hatten, Bob Coy.

JR.-SR. PROM

Spring brought the usual, but one of the unusual included the Jr.-Sr. Prom, held at the Mattoon Sheraton Inn. Students danced in an atmosphere of candlelight and flowers as the CTR Limited set the mood. Post prom activities included the Mel Brook's comedy, YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN, and early breakfast prepared by parents.

RIGHT: Randy Rennels thought it was too late to stay awake. FAR RIGHT: Bob Phillips and his date enjoyed the buffet. BELOW LEFT: We had the theater to ourselves. BELOW RIGHT: Darrell Lane and date selected dance programs.

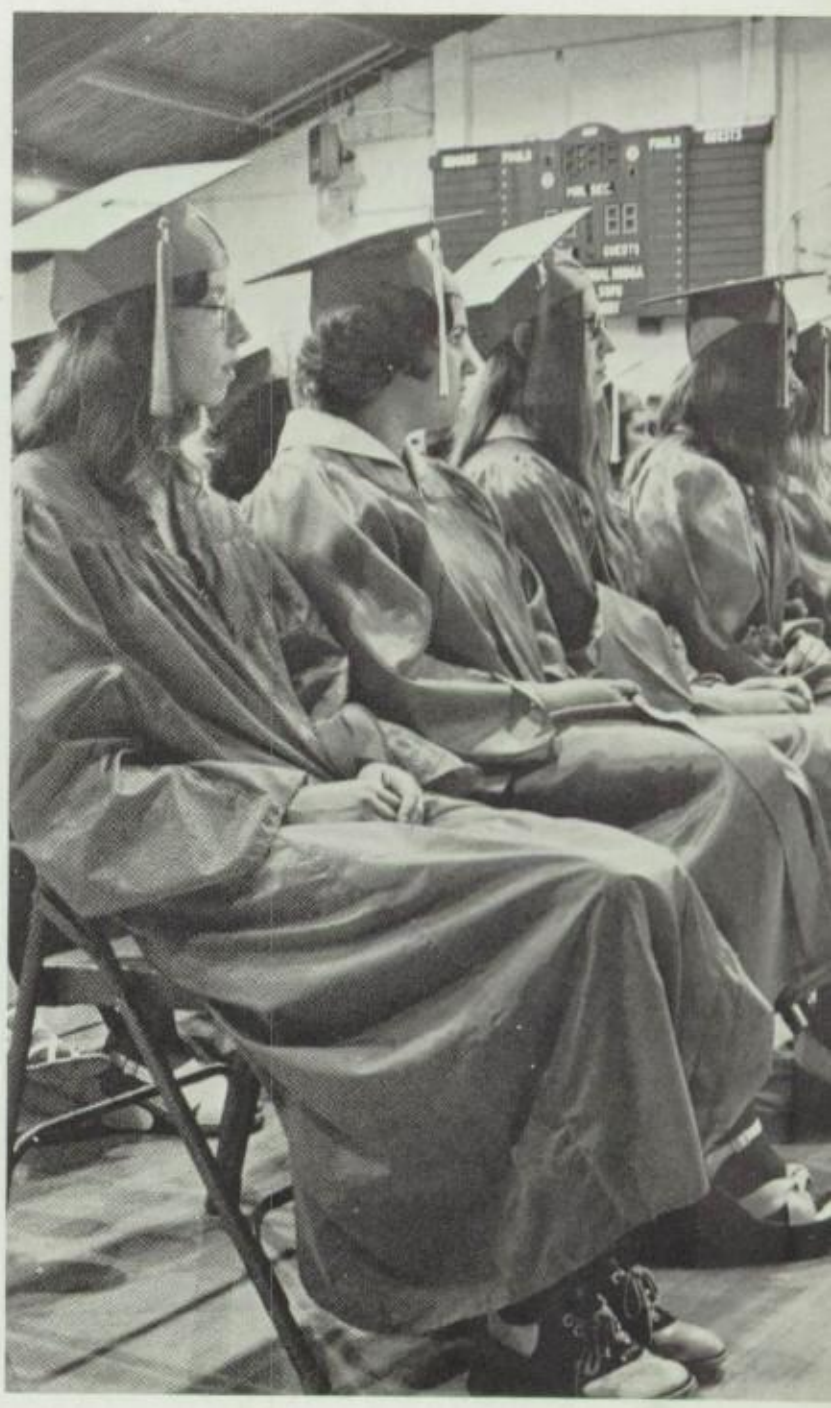
Graduation — '75

Graduation--a mixture of sighs, tears and smiles--was also the end of the class of '75 as a unit. As they departed to live separate lives, they realized it meant new privileges along with new responsibilities.

May 25, Fred Swengel and Deb Walk were honored as valedictorian and salutatorian along with the following top ten students:

Kim Lindley	Judy Baker
Mike Coen	Joe Jansen
Brian Icenogle	Sheila Walk
Marlene Weber	

UPPER LEFT: Mr. McTeer gives a few last pointers. BELOW LEFT: Tracy Cline and Michelle Brumleve assist Kathy Maxey. They always got by with a little help from their friends. LOWER RIGHT: Graduation row--it is not always easy to say goodbye.



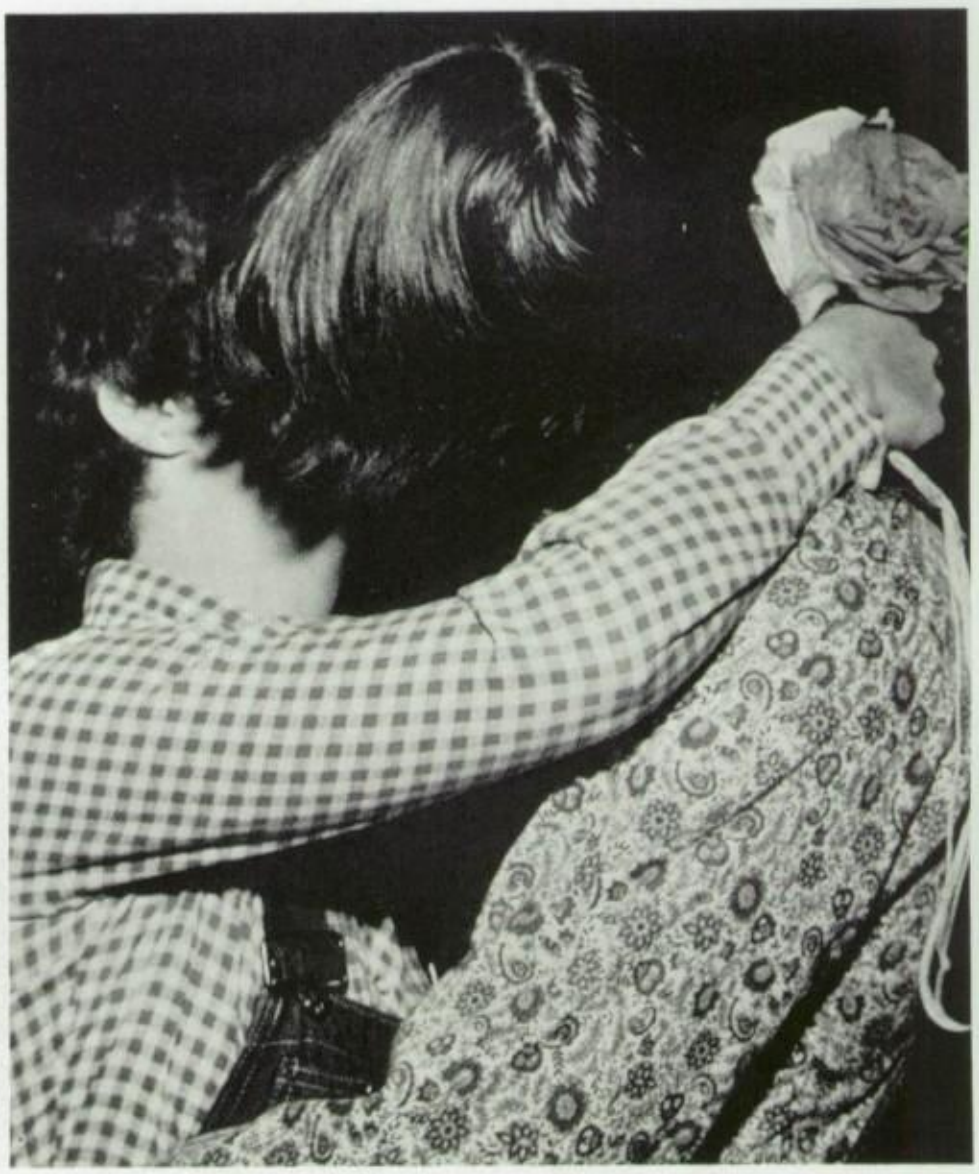
Spring Activities

Spring brought with it all the student activities that mark the close of the year. For the first time, prom was held at the Sheraton Inn, Mattoon. Post prom activities included the Mel Brooks comedy, YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN.

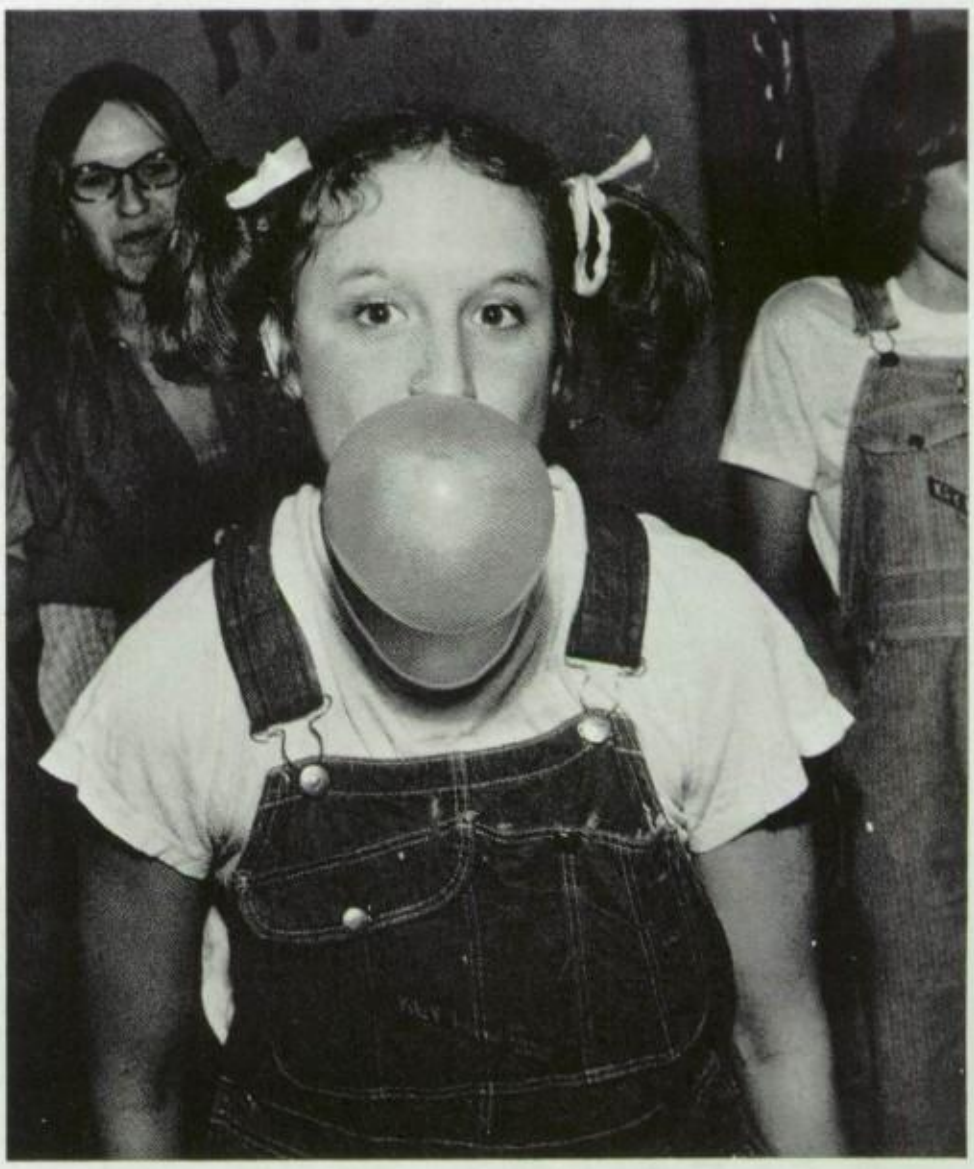
Organizational awards banquets were held to finish the year's business. After hosting nine Glenbrook Students for a ten day exchange, AFS ended its first year with a successful chicken dinner. Because of this, Vicki Willenborg was able to make plans for her summer AFS, Argentina trip.

Band students topped a good, hard working year with a jam session given by the Herrin Illinois Jazz Band.

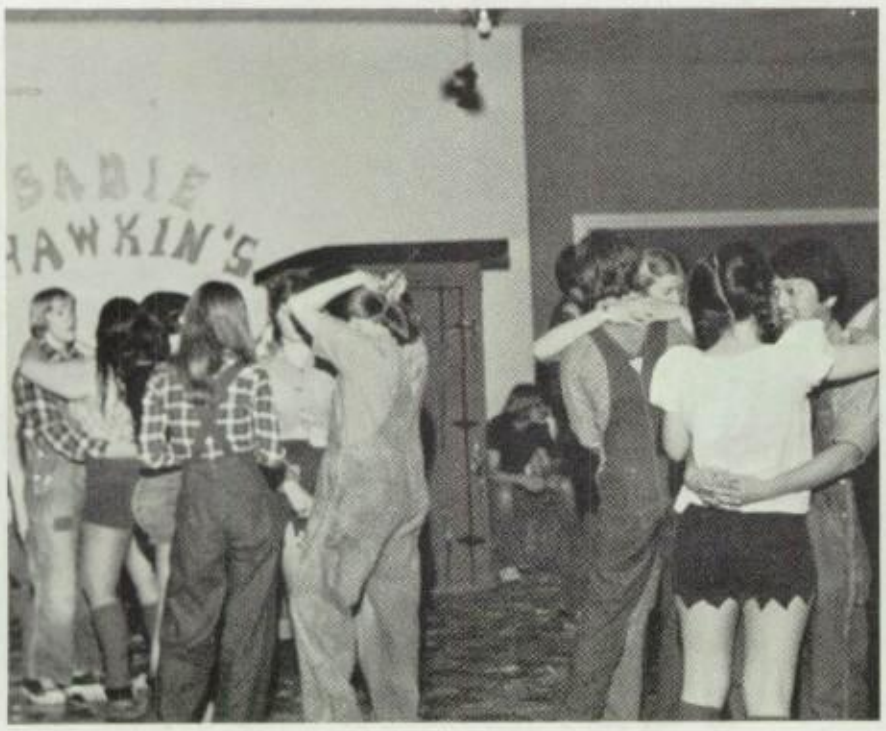
The Student Council Sadie Hawkins' Dance was termed a success by students and faculty alike.



"Come into my parlor", said the spider to the fly, and Preacher Mike looks the part as he awaits the couples at the altar.



Shiny Bubbles. . .Paula Sheehan shows how as she wins the bubblegum blowing contest at the Sadie Hawkins' dance.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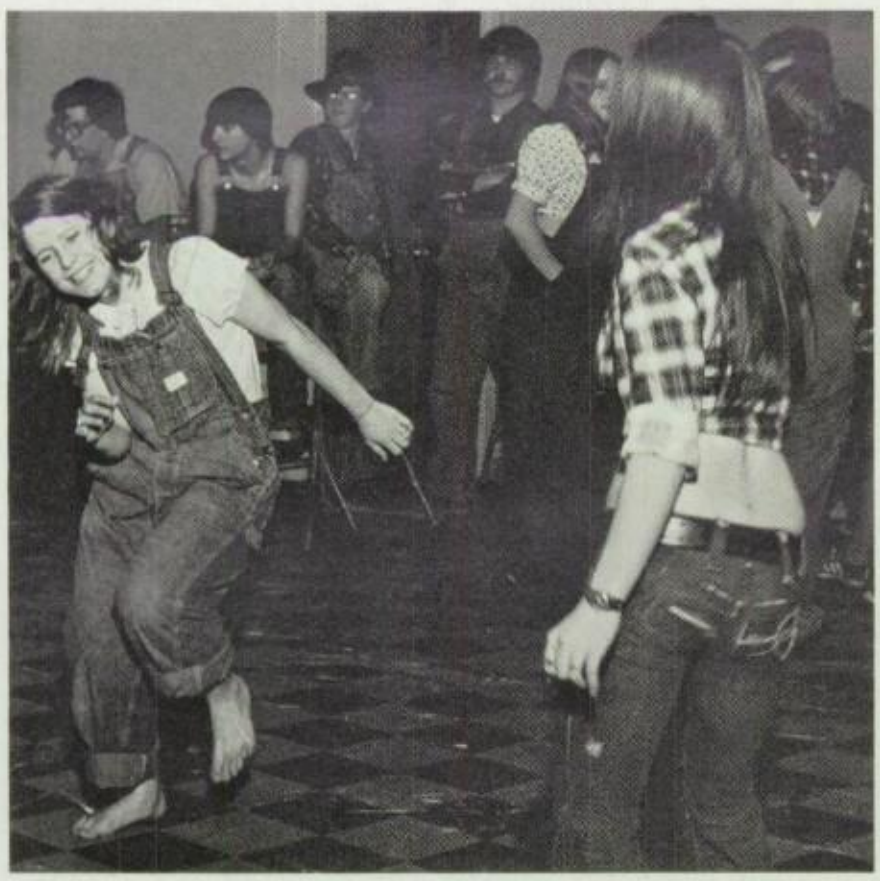

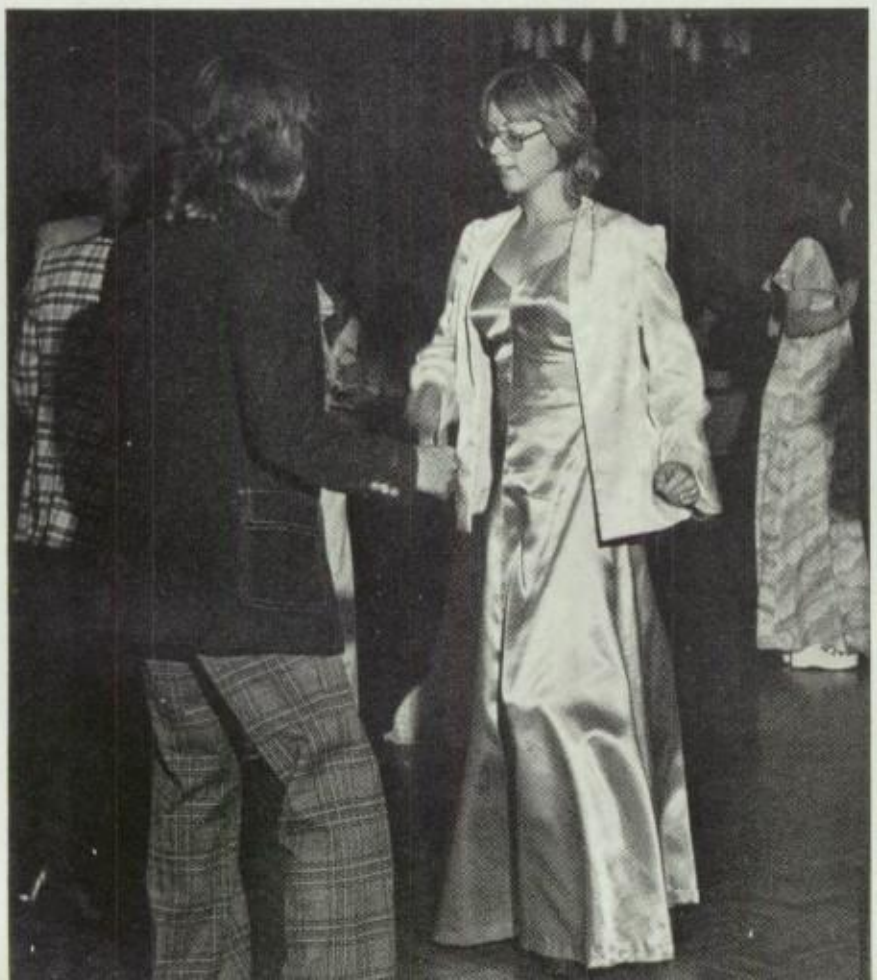

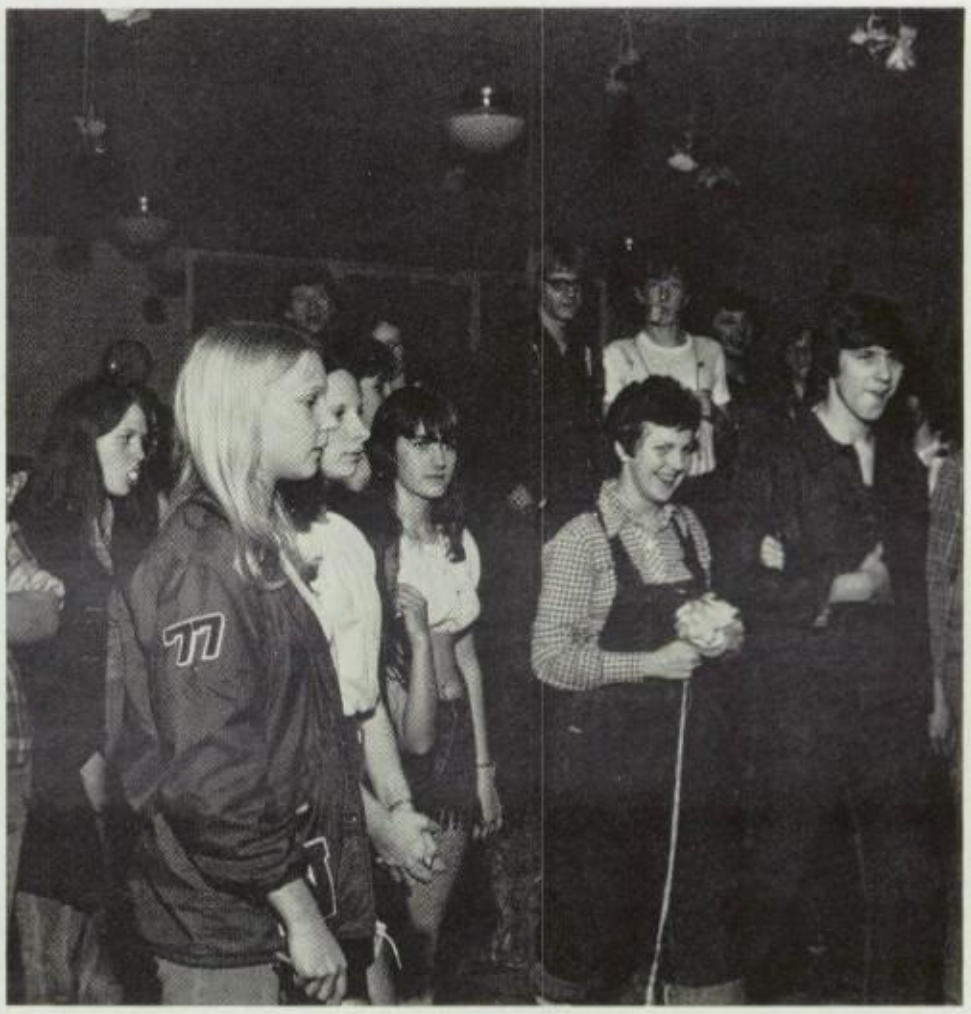

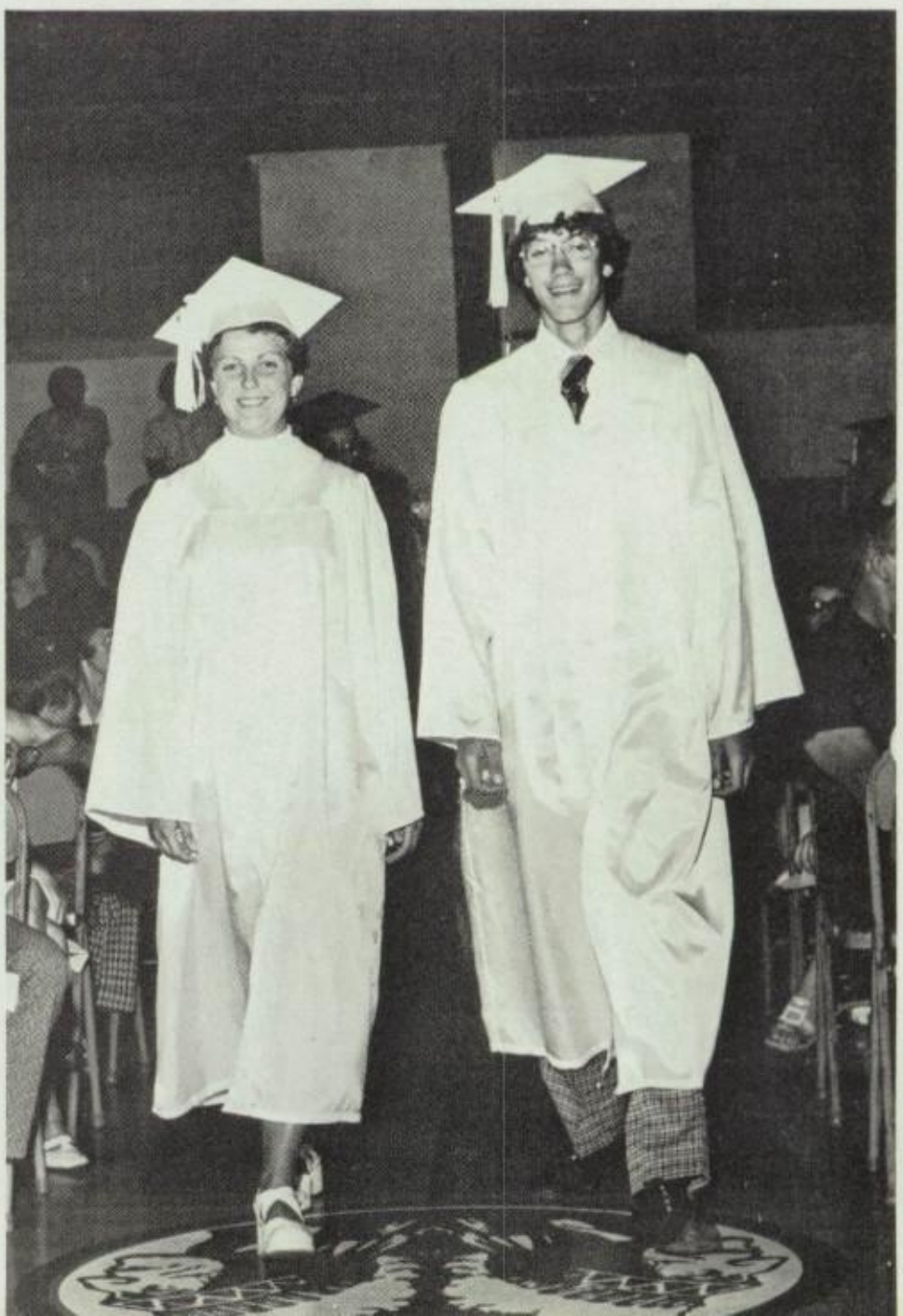

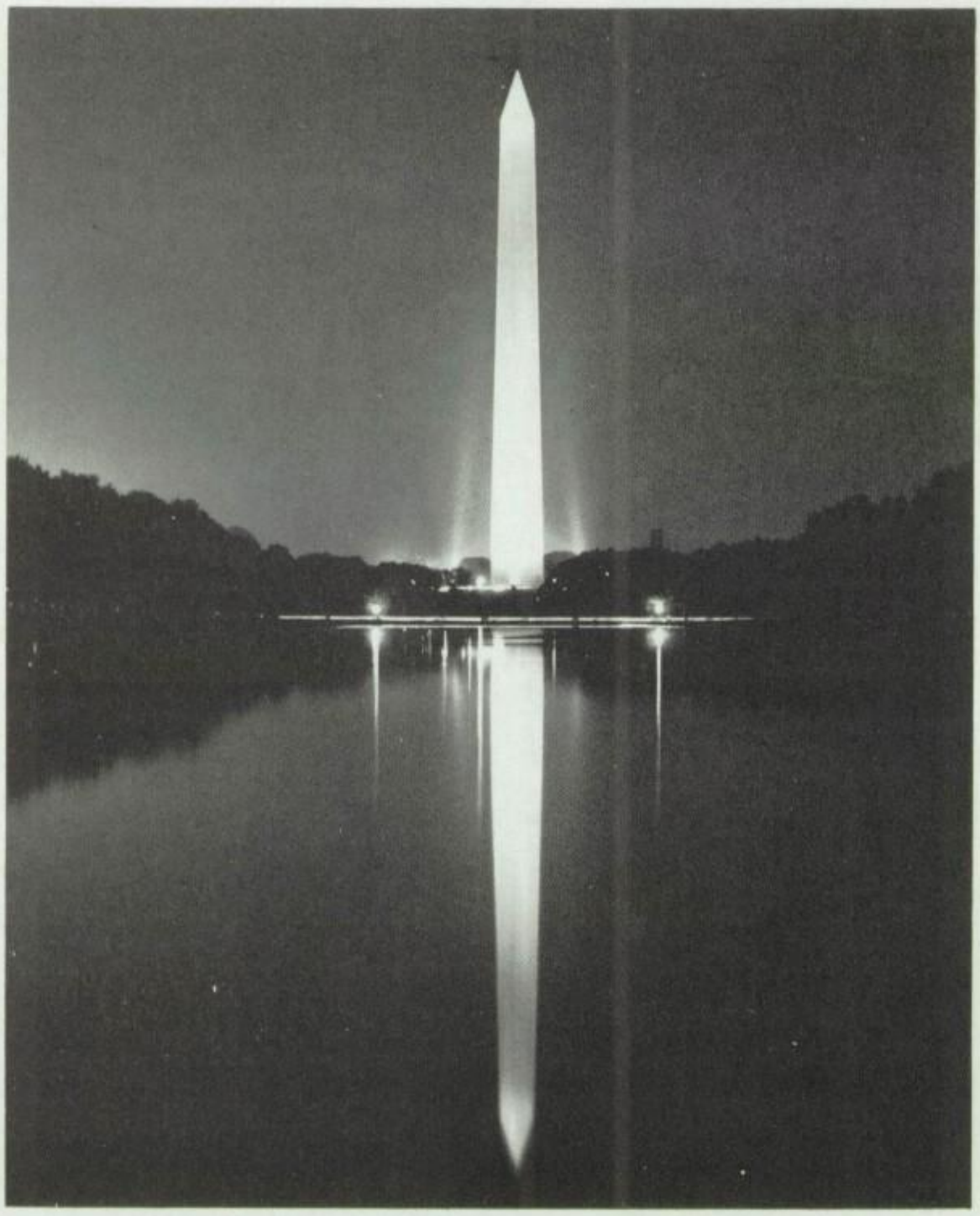

ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads were all taken from the 1923 edition of the Neoga Yearbook. As we searched for old ads to put on this page, we stumbled on many other familiar names. A few of these were: Gilbert E. Roy; Blacksmith, Kepp Bros. Store; L.H. Woolery, Insurance Agent; and Drs. X.B. and George P. Dougherty.

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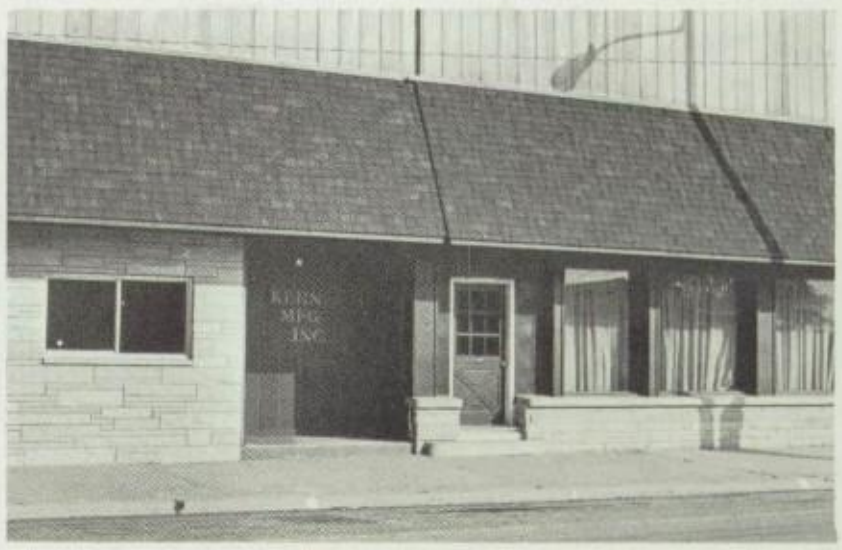

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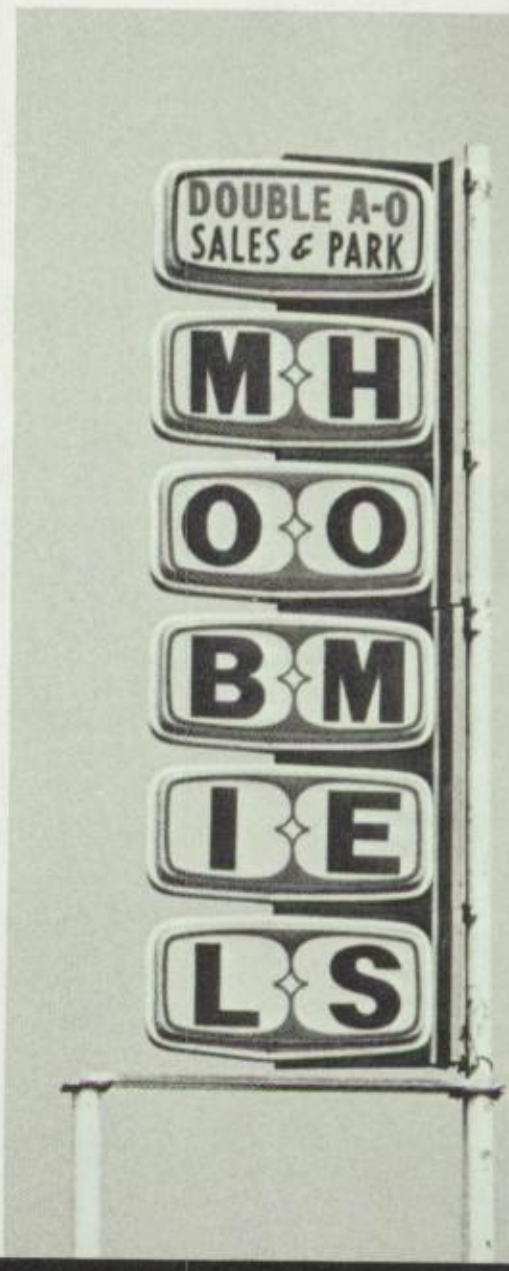

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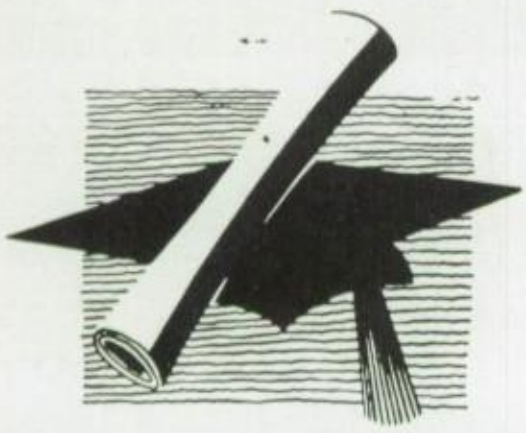

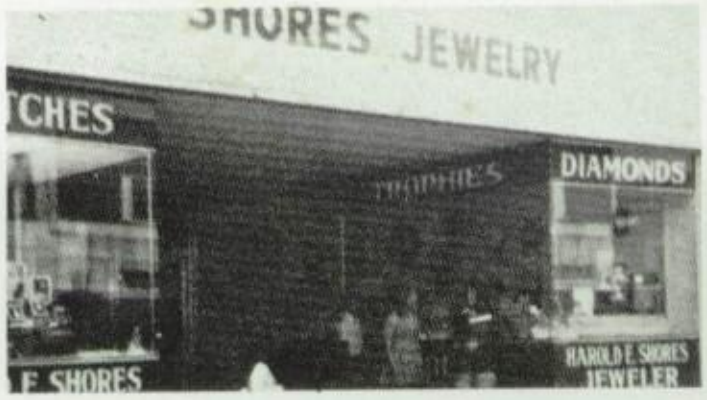

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